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NEWSWATCH

'Won-der-ful'

ALBERTVILLE, May 10, (AP): A man who used a computer and sign language to communicate for 17 years can speak again — at least in a halting, guttural manner — after falling through a store window and gashing his head.

Lynn Ray Collins, 33, lost his voice in 1972 when he was struck by a car, an accident that caused brain damage and left him in a coma for 11 weeks.

Last Wednesday, he fell into a plate glass window. As more than three pints (1.4 litres) of blood flowed from the nine-inch (23-centimetre) cut, Collins began answering paramedics' questions.

Recovering at Boaz-Albertville Medical Centre, a hoarse Collins sounded out for a Birmingham Post-Herald reporter the words: "I feel won-der-ful".

Wife-beating

ANKARA, May 10, (Reuters): Many Turkish men believe wives should be beaten if they fail to obey their husbands, according to an opinion poll published today.

Forty-five per cent of men surveyed in 6,500 households by Ankara's Hacettepe University said they would not hesitate to beat their wives for disobedience and 62 per cent said women should obey their husbands without question.

Turkish women won full legal rights from Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, who founded the modern secular republic in 1923.

Burglar flees

CLEVELAND, May 10, (AP): A man convicted of burglary and theft fled the courtroom, ran down 22 flights of stairs and caught a train after learning he had been sentenced to three to 15 years in prison.

Leonard Graham, 22, was captured two hours later after a search involving about 50 police officers, authorities said.

"He said, 'Oh, No, and he bolted for the door, just that quick, with the deputy pursuing him and my bailiff pursuing the deputy," said judge Sam Zingale, who delivered Graham's sentence on Monday.

Mosque robbed

ANKARA, May 10, (Reuters): Turkish police today arrested a man who stole \$150 from a mosque to pay for a prostitute.

"It is easier to break into mosques. There is a low level of risk," Anatolian news agency quoted Mustafa Doyar, 31, as saying after his arrest in the western city of Bursa. He faces up to two years in jail.

Raiders killed

DHAKA, May 10, (Reuters): Bangladesh border guards shot dead seven Indians who raided a village in northern Bangladesh, police said today.

They said the incident occurred on Monday when about 40 men armed with guns and knives tried to plunder Dhanatala village near the border.

Zia's son to Benazir

I'll run

BAHRAIN, May 10, (UPI): Benazir Bhutto evoked the memory of her father four months ago to win a landslide victory and become the first woman prime minister of Pakistan. The son of her family's greatest enemy plans to use the same tactic to seek power.

Ijaz-ul-Haq, whose father Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq seized power from Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977, says he plans eventually to return to Pakistan and try to win power from Benazir, but by constitutional means.

"I will challenge Benazir through democratic elections by June 1991," said Ijaz, now a banker based in Bahrain.

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Parallel bourse will be reopened

Cos. with at least KD1m capital to be listed

KUWAIT, May 10, (Agencies): Kuwait will reopen a parallel stock exchange alongside its official market on June 3 to attract new companies and pep up share trading, Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khalid said today.

He told reporters the exchange would list companies with capital of at least one million Kuwaiti dinars (\$3.5 million). Trade would be restricted to the afternoon.

A parallel exchange was originally set up to deal with firms listed on the unofficial Souk Al Manakh market after it crashed in 1982 following a wild spree of speculative buying.

The crash left about \$90 billion in debt and helped to plunge Kuwait into recession.



Injured brother

A small girl stands next to her brother, wounded by the shrapnel of an artillery shell as he lies in a West Beirut hospital bed. (Reuters wirephoto)

Aoun's HQ hit by mortar fire

Prison stormed, 189 freed

BEIRUT, May 10, (Agencies): Syrian gunners blasted the presidential palace, the Army headquarters and the US ambassador's residence with mortar fire today as gunmen stormed the central prison in West Beirut, freeing 189 convicts.

The crack Squad-16 police force, armed with US-designed M-16 assault rifles, recaptured 95 convicts in a day-long sweep mounted despite shellfire across the divided city.

Police said 10 people were killed and 89 wounded in today's duels between Christian Army units of Gen. Michel Aoun and their Syrian and Muslim foes.

At one point, 60 rounds, mostly Soviet-designed 240mm mortars, struck within an hour the palace in the Christian suburb of Baabda and the nearby Defence Ministry in Yarzeh, where Aoun has his headquarters.

Only the Syrian Army possesses such weapons in Lebanon.

"They've decided to demolish both facilities," a military spokesman said by telephone from the heavily fortified underground shelters at the Defence Ministry.

"Our gunners are responding to silence the source of fire," he said, insisting on anonymity.

"The Defence Ministry has taken a more severe punishment than the Baabda palace. Destruction is colossal in all upper floors of the four-building compound," he said.

The US embassy said in a statement that Ambassador John McCarthy's residence was "hit" overnight, but that there were no casualties at the two-storey villa in the pinewoods overlooking the capital. McCarthy and his family are abroad.

Aoun, 53, a Maronite Catholic, keeps his wife, Nadia, and three daughters, Chantalle, Claudine and Mireille, at the presidential palace. Aides say they have been living in the shelter.

"Damage was considerable, but we cannot really give a more precise assessment, because we have all been living in the bunker for four days," said an official at the presidential palace.

About 30 unidentified gunmen, armed with Soviet-designed grenade launchers and AK-47 automatic rifles, broke into the jail in a Muslim district at 2.20 am (2320 GMT yesterday), the spokesman said.

He said a Muslim police sergeant was killed in a shootout with the gunmen, who "entered the prison warden's office, took the keys, opened the cells and turned loose all 189 prisoners."

An Arab League envoy was in Damascus, Syria, in an effort to revive an Arab League-brokered ceasefire called on April 28.

Lakhdar Ibrahim, an Algerian, was accompanied by Gen. Ali Al Moumen, a Kuwaiti officer chosen to head a 321-man observer force drawn from six Arab nations to help implement a lasting ceasefire.

Ibrahim and Moumen later travelled by road to the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley and met in Baalbek with Parliament Speaker Hussein Hussein.

Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt denied today that he opposed the deployment of Arab League ceasefire observers.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said today he will talk to Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze shortly to try and co-ordinate efforts to set up a new ceasefire in Lebanon and bring to bear Soviet influence on Syria.

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Lonchar voiced support today for the Kuwait-led Arab League committee seeking peace in Lebanon. He is on an official visit to Kuwait.

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Tigers kill 10 Indians

COLOMBO, May 10, (Reuters): Ten Indian soldiers were killed in a clash between troops and Tamil separatist guerrillas in Sri Lanka's northwest Mannar district, a rebel statement said today.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said several soldiers and a rebel fighter were wounded in the clash yesterday at Periyamaduru in Mannar.

In a separate incident on the same day Tigers launched a mortar attack on an Indian Army post at Neerveli in northern Jaffna, the statement said. Casualties on the Indian side were not known, it added.

About 45,000 Indian soldiers have been deployed in the north and east to disarm the Tigers, who rejected a pact signed by Sri Lanka and India in 1987 aimed at ending the Tamil revolt.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said today that talks between the government and the Tigers would begin soon in an attempt to resolve the conflict.

"There is no doubt that the LTTE is determined to positively contribute to restoring peace in the country," he said.

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The parallel market was closed last December after most of its companies had either been liquidated or had transferred to the official exchange when their financial positions improved.

Khalid said about a dozen remaining firms would be allowed to re-register in the new parallel exchange if their financial health was good enough.

Companies on the parallel exchange would eventually be able to transfer to the official market as they grew in size and met its conditions, he said. Likewise, weak firms on the official exchange would be moved to the parallel market.

One share analyst estimated that the financial positions of about 40 per cent of the 44 companies on the official exchange were unsound.

He also said that as many as 300 private companies listed with the Commerce Ministry would theoretically be able to meet the requirements to go public and get quotations on the new exchange.

The new market's opening will coincide with new regulations allowing banks and other financial institutions to issue unit trusts.

The unit trusts, which will be listed on the stock market, will pool together funds from many small investors to invest in securities.

A large portion of the trust funds will have to be invested locally. The government hopes their managers will encourage new companies to float their shares and gain stock market listings.

Al Khalid expressed hope that the base of dealers will be broadened, particularly after the GCC citizens have been permitted to own Kuwaiti shares in compliance with the new regulations.

Gulf companies, which were removed from the market for not completing their financial statements, can be subject to the new regulations of the parallel market.

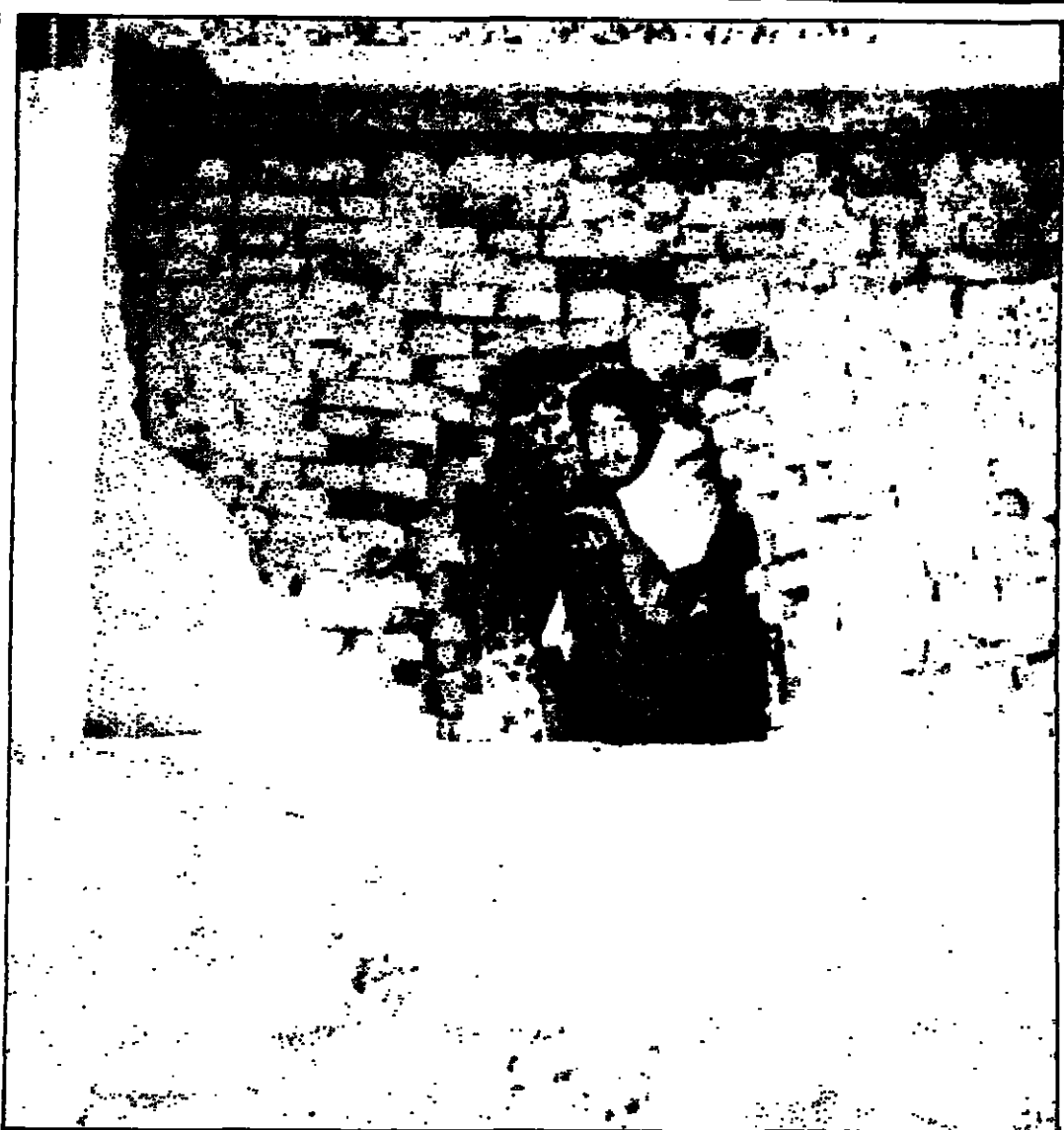
A large number of such companies that were able to ameliorate their financial status will rejoin the market, he said, stressing that such plans are aimed at serving long-term strategies.



Broken twice

Salama Sawarka, a seven-year-old boy, (right) whose arm was broken twice by Israeli soldiers seen in the Gaza's Ahi Hospital. At left is Salama's father. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Damaged house

An Afghan man peers through a hole in his house caused by a rocket in eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad. Jalalabad has been the scene of the most intense battle in the Afghan war and has been under constant rebel siege since March. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Baker meets Shevardnadze

US plan for ME

Another Arab shot dead

Negotiate: Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 10, (Agencies): Israel on its 41st anniversary still faces hate-crazed violence from Arabs who refuse to accept its existence, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today.

He also said the uprising is not an alternative to his proposals for elections in the occupied territories.

"The Arabs are not yet content with our existence and independence. No doubt they will be, but not as yet and they express it in violence, manifestations of crazed hatred, and we must withstand it," Shamir said in a holiday radio interview.

As Israelis celebrated Jewish statehood at beaches and parks today, troops confined nearly a million Arabs to their homes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The curfews were imposed on all 650,000 Gaza Strip residents and on about 250,000 residents in West Bank areas, including Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarim.

The army barred the 1.7 million Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza from leaving the occupied territories during the holiday.

In the Ramallah area of the West Bank, soldiers shot dead an Arab youth, Mohammed Sami Dabeh, 17, of Kadura camp, and wounded two while dispersing stone-throwing protesters, Ramallah hospital said.

Another West Bank Arab, shot dead in Salfit village yesterday was identified by Arab sources as Abdel Sadeh Ahmed Shabeh, 29.

Shamir said in the interview on Israel Radio: "We can't talk with the PLO because their minimum demand is a Palestinian state. We can't agree to this."

Shamir was hospitalised for medical tests today after hitting his head against a piece of furniture and complaining of weakness, his spokesman said.

daries, an international peace conference, and Palestinian rights.

The newspaper said Israel had also agreed to the possibility of sharing sovereignty with elected Palestinian representatives.

The sources said Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak had passed the US proposals on to the PLO.

The US has cautiously endorsed the Shamir plan which calls for elections to select Palestinians to work out arrangements with Israel for limited self-government in the territories.

After a transition period when Palestinians would run their own affairs under Israeli military control, Shamir has suggested negotiations on a permanent solution to the Palestinian problem.

Baker today expressed satisfaction with his first full-scale talks with Shevardnadze and a Soviet spokesman agreed the discussions were promising.

Separately, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov described the talks as beginning in a "promising and constructive spirit" and said: "We think we have good prospects for concrete results."

The Soviet Union and US will resume negotiations on nuclear arms reductions in mid-June, Gerasimov said.

WHO delays decision on PLO membership

GENEVA, May 10, (UPI): The World Health Organisation (WHO) annual assembly decided by a slim majority today to postpone debate by 48 hours on a divisive Palestinian bid for membership in the UN agency.

The United States publicly warned when the conference began Monday that it would immediately cease all assessed and voluntary payments if observer status of Palestine was changed to that of member state.

WHO director general Hiroshi Nakajima told the assembly yesterday that the "survival of the vital health agency was at stake and appealed for the whole issue to be put off until next year."

In the vote on at least postponing debate until Friday afternoon, 56 countries were in favour and 47 against with 20 abstentions.

That meant only 123 countries were present and that 37 of the total 160 nations at the conference avoided taking part one way or the other.

Western diplomats, who generally oppose the PLO bid, said they were surprised at the

Execution call

Iranian speaker takes a U-turn

NICOSIA, May 10, (Reuters): Iranian Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said today his remarks about Palestinians killing Westerners had been distorted and he did not advocate such attacks.

Tehran Radio quoted him as saying his remarks on Friday, when he called for the killing of five Americans, Britons or Frenchmen for every Palestinian killed by Israel, had been misinterpreted.

"I really do not advise this and consider this (killing ordinary people) a weak point," the radio quoted him as saying.

Rafsanjani said what he had meant was that Israeli oppression of Palestinians would naturally lead to violent reactions.

He said his statement was based on his own analysis and did not necessarily reflect official Iranian policy.

"The position of the Islamic Republic of Iran remains the same: terrorism is a scourge of the people."

"But we should not judge it one-sidedly, as the Americans and the British would — that is, allowing for state terrorism by the likes of Israel... but not the people's reaction to it."

Rafsanjani's remarks last week, broadcast at the time by Tehran Radio, were denounced by the United States, Britain, France, Israel and the PLO.

"The (Israeli) regime kills Palestinians every day... The Americans have reportedly given (Lebanese Christian leader) Michel Aoun \$700 million to pound Lebanese cities and make people homeless — we consider these acts of terror."

Rafsanjani, interviewed at the southern port of Bandar Abbas, said killing innocent people would cause a propaganda backlash hurting the cause of a legitimate movement.

But, he said, it should be accepted that oppression led to revenge killings and hijackings, which could also harm innocent people.

Earlier, a Tehran newspaper said Rafsanjani's call was meant to drive home a point and not to encourage executions.

No danger from bomb, says US

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Agencies): The United States, saying today there is no danger from a one-megaton nuclear bomb that fell off an aircraft carrier in 1965 and which still lies on the Pacific Ocean floor 80 miles (130 km) from a Japanese island.

"It was 200 miles (320 km) from Okinawa, it was 80 miles from the nearest point of land, it was very out to sea, in international waters, and the weapon went down in 16,000 feet (4,800 m) of water," said Defence Department spokesman Dan Howard.

"There was no danger to anyone other than the unfortunate pilot of the aircraft in this incident," he said. "There was not then, there is not now."

The bomb was a one-megaton B43 hydrogen device with an explosive power 70 times greater than the bomb the United States dropped on Hiroshima during World War II.

It was the first time the Pentagon has acknowledged that the bomb was lost as close as 80 miles (130 km) to Japan's Ryukyu island chain and it came a day after the environmental group Greenpeace released newly obtained records showing the accident was much closer to land.

The bomb is under tremendous water pressure at that depth, and may have sprung leaks, said a scientist who asked not to be identified.

Industry sources said it was nearly impossible to dredge something from such a depth.

Japanese environmental and anti-nuclear groups expressed outrage today at the presence of the hydrogen bomb deep beneath the ocean off a southern Japanese island.

Noriega appears isolated

PANAMA CITY, May 10. (Agencies): Panamanian strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega appeared increasingly isolated today as Latin American nations joined the United States in voicing concern over allegations he rigged national elections.

As US President George Bush appealed to Noriega to "honour the will of the people" yesterday, Costa Rica, Peru and Venezuela issued statements of concern over Sunday's poll.

The opposition, former US President Jimmy Carter and other observers have accused Noriega, Army chief and Panama's de facto ruler, of orchestrating a massive fraud to ensure his supporters won the elections. The White House said Bush was considering a range of options, including military force, to break Noriega's grip on power.

Partial official results issued yesterday showed the pro-Noriega coalition for national liberation (Colina) with a big lead in the presidential voting, contradicting opposition and independent polls showing the opposition winning by a three-to-one margin.

Colina's presidential candidate is Carlos Duque, a business associate and ally of Noriega.

A Costa Rican government statement said: "Respect for the will expressed in the polls is a solid pillar of democracy."

Peru and Venezuela both said they had held discussions with other members of the group of eight Latin American nations to discuss joint action to guarantee respect for the will of the Panamanian people. It was not clear what form the action might take.

Customs authorities in London yesterday challenged a court ruling preventing them from handing over to US drug enforcement agencies documents belonging to Panama's de facto ruler.

Customs agents seeking evidence in a drugs-related, money-laundering case said they found Noriega family accounts by chance after raiding a bank in London last October.

Unrest cripples higher education in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, May 10. (AP): Employers no longer advertise for young engineers or doctors because six of Sri Lanka's eight universities haven't produced any in two years.

The universities were ordered shut — the first in May 1987 and the others in quick succession — to stem student unrest and violent anti-government demonstrations spawned by ethnic warfare.

On Wednesday, the government will try to reopen the universities, but a group representing many of the 22,106 students has called for a boycott.

Last month, Education Minister Shabul Hameed

met with representatives of the inter-universities student federation, an umbrella body of scholars from the six universities.

He said student grievances had been resolved, but the federation says they weren't. It claims security forces have killed at least 26 students, including 18 in recent weeks, since the university trouble started, and it wants an accounting.

All of the closed universities are in the Sinhalese heartland, where Sinhalese radicals from the People's Liberation Front have waged a campaign of

assassination and terror against the Sinhalese-dominated government for its peace overtures to separatist guerrillas from the Tamil minority.

The military, which says the universities were power bases of the front, was cited last year by the London-based human-rights group Amnesty International for the arrests without trial of hundreds of young Sinhalese.

"There may be some extremists among the students, but we have all been branded as extremists by the military," a member of the student federation

said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The university closures are causing "a serious drain of the country's resources," said Higher Education Secretary Wijeratna Banda. "If this situation has been created by persons wishing to topple the government, they have certainly found the right avenue."

"Every year, as the number of students admitted to the universities increase, there are more and more youths against the government," he said.

In the last two years, 12,000 students have enrolled at universities but have yet to attend a class.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heatwave kills 25

DHAKA, May 10. (Reuters): A heatwave has killed at least 25 people in Bangladesh in the past three days, officials said today.

Dhaka weather office said temperatures had reached 43 degrees Celsius (109 degrees Fahrenheit) and were likely to rise further.

Health officials said the current drought gripping Bangladesh had also helped spread a diarrhoea epidemic which has killed more than 1,000 people.

They said more than 2,500 people have been treated for the disease, caused by contaminated water and rotten food.

Bugging device

WARSAW, May 10. (UPI): A bugging device was found in a Solidarity election office in northern Poland in what Solidarity officials described today as a "mini watergate".

A prosecutor opened an investigation into the discovery of a microphone last evening in the wall of the election office in Sopot.

Solidarity TV

WARSAW, May 10. (AP): With a mix of potent symbols, familiar faces and even a lesson on how to vote in upcoming elections, Solidarity has aired its first show on state TV under an accord that gives it limited access to mass media.

At 10:45 pm yesterday (20:45 GMT), the words "Solidarity" were superimposed on the screen followed by the red-and-white national flag, and then another Solidarity sign with the well-known union logo.

Doi demands

TOKYO, May 10. (UPI): Opposition parties, led by Japan's leading woman politician, Takako Doi, demanded today that the "scandal-plagued" majority party voluntarily step aside and let a coalition of minority parties lead the government.

Doi, the 60-year-old chairwoman of the Socialist Party, would become Japan's first woman prime minister if the coalition were formed by the four non-Communist opposition parties.

Meanwhile Japan's governing party is considering reforms demanded by a party veteran to persuade him to take over as prime minister and restore public trust, party sources said.

The "only solution" to the "deadlock" is to persuade Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito to take over.

More taxes

BANGKOK, May 10. (AP): A majority of citizens and leaders in a UN-commissioned survey of 14 industrialised and developing countries say they would pay more taxes to return to a better environment.

The survey, conducted by the U.S. polling-organisation Louis Harris Associates and released yesterday, was done for the UN Environment Programme between February and June 1988.

"Majorities of both the public and the leaders in all countries said they would be willing to pay somewhat higher taxes to the government if they knew the money would be spent to protect the environment," the summary said.

The countries surveyed were Argentina, China, Hungary, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, West Germany and Zimbabwe.

The statement did not give figures or a margin of error for the poll.

Students rally

BEIJING, May 10. (Reuters): More than 10,000 Beijing students took to the streets again today and denounced the Communist Party-controlled press as being full of rubbish and lies.

The demonstrators, mostly bicycles gathered outside the Ministry of Broadcasting, and headquarters of the official China News Agency shouted slogans demanding freedom of press and democracy.

Man lay dead

COPENHAGEN, May 10. (Reuters): A Danish newspaper lay dead on his bed for 18 months before a swarm of flies led neighbours to find him, a Danish paper reported today.

"It wasn't the sort of block where people knew each other very well," a woman who lived beneath him in the building for pensioners told the daily Ekstra Bladet.

She had summoned the Social Services Department to spray her flat after seeing large black flies buzzing around the ceiling. Workers who went to the flat above found the remains of the man aged about 70.

The Tenants' Association chairman said: "We have too little contact with some of the tenants. I've found three or four people in their flats who've been dead for some time."

Perjury charge

VIENNA, May 10. (Reuters): Former chancellor Fred Sinowatz will be charged with perjury for denying knowledge of Kurt Waldheim's wartime role before Waldheim ran for the Austrian presidency, the Justice Ministry announced.

Justice Minister Egmont Forgger told a news conference he had decided to allow the charge on the basis of a report from the state attorney's office.

The charge results from a libel suit Sinowatz lodged against the Austrian newspaper Profil for reporting that the former socialist chancellor told a party meeting in 1985, before the start of the presidential campaign, that the Austrian people would be told of Waldheim's brown past.

French poet

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands, May 10. (AP): French poet Rene Taverne was elected president of Pen today, succeeded by British novelist Francis King, who headed the international writers' association for three years.

Taverne, 74, was elected by 35 votes to 30, by the Nigerian poet, novelist and short story writer Chinua Achebe, according to Pen spokeswoman Margot Dijkgraaf.

3m apply US visa lottery

WASHINGTON, May 10. (AP): More than three million people from around the globe have a chance to take part in a computerised "visa lottery" that will allow 20,000 immigrants to live in the United States, the State Department announced yesterday.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said winners will be chosen at random by a computer. Citizens from 162 countries were eligible to apply during March and all applicants have an equal chance of winning an immigrant visa.

Congressman Howard Berman, author of the legislation that made the new programme possible, "will open the first five applications envelopes selected by the computer and announce the nationalities of the applicants" at a ceremony on Monday, Boucher said.

Only the nationalities and not the names will be announced at the ceremony to guard the privacy of the applicants.

Under the programme, 10,000 visas will be granted each year for 1991 and 1992.

Tanks sent to Stepanakert

Unrest in Nagorno-Karabakh

MOSCOW, May 10. (Reuters): Tanks clattered into the capital of the troubled province of Nagorno-Karabakh today as the Kremlin faced a resurgence of ethnic unrest in Transcaucasia.

"The city is full of tanks and troops," a local journalist said from the capital Stepanakert.

"All the enterprises in the city are on strike, except for essential services, and they say they will stay out until the question of Nagorno-Karabakh is solved," she said.

However, the city appeared calm after clashes on Friday between some 200 Armenians and Azerbaijanis in Kirkidzhan, a small settlement about five km (three miles) outside Stepanakert.

Three civilians and four soldiers were wounded in the first reported outbreak of violence in the region since it was placed under the control of a special

Kremlin commission in January after ethnic clashes in which 91 people died.

The strikes, which began on May 3, stemmed from growing dissatisfaction among the province's majority Armenians with the work of the commission.

It was set up in an apparent compromise after the Kremlin rejected their demand that jurisdiction over Nagorno-Karabakh be transferred from the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan to Armenia.

In an open letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev published last week, local leaders accused the commission of siding with Azerbaijan and criticised its implementation of development programme for the region.

Too many resources were being spent on parts of the region where Azerbaijanis lived and virtually nothing on those populated by Armenians, the letter said.

Artillery duels kill many on Siachen

SIACHEN GLACIER, India, May 10. (Reuters): Pakistan and India have fought increased artillery duels across the world's highest battlefield in the past three weeks, causing casualties on both sides, a senior Indian Army officer said.

Lieutenant General B.C. Nanda said he believed Pakistani losses on the Siachen Glacier had been high and acknowledged: "We too have suffered some casualties."

No immediate comment was available from the Islamabad government.

Nanda, commander of India's Northern Army forces, declined to say how many Indian soldiers had died or been wounded on the glacier, which straddles a mountainous ceasefire line between Indian and Pakistan-controlled regions of disputed Kashmir.

As Indian howitzers fired in the background, he told reporters Pakistan caused the fighting by establishing two new posts on the Saltoro Ridge. India protested to Islamabad but a meeting on the ceasefire line last weekend failed to defuse the tension.

Cannes-fest to pay tribute to Charlie Chaplin

PARIS, May 10. (Agencies): Leading stars of "Lawrence of Arabia", Peter O'Toole, Omar Sharif and Anthony Quinn, and David Lean, the producer, are expected tonight at Cannes for the projection of the fully restored nearly four-hour version movie, on the eve of the opening of the Cannes film festival.

The 42nd edition of this annual film gathering, on the French Riviera, will open officially tomorrow with "New York Stories", a Woody Allen-Francis Coppola-Martin Scorsese movie, not on the competition list.

There will be a special tribute to Charlie Chaplin after the opening ceremony, to be attended by the French Minister of Culture Jack Lang, to mark the centenary of the world famous comedian.

Egyptian film-maker, Youssef Shabini, is expected at Cannes not for one of his movies, but to attend a seminar on human rights, on May 13. "Cinema and Liberty" Day, with the participation of the First Lady, Mrs Danielle Mitterrand and producers representing 50 different countries.

Except for the "Golden Shoes" of Nouri Bousseid of Tunisia, not competing for the much coveted "Palme d'Or", there is not a single Arab movie showing at Cannes this year.

India will be present with two movies, "Ganashatru" of Bengali producer Satyajit Ray and "Piravi" of Karun Shaji of Kerala, both out of competition.

A movie about an Australian woman whose baby was eaten by a dingo and who was initially jailed for killing the child is one of the highlights of the festival.



Photo shows the painting 'Sur la Scène' by Edgar Degas, which is expected to be auctioned by Christie's in New York for \$5 to \$7 million.

Yo Picasso fetches \$47.85m Second highest

NEW YORK, May 10. (AP): A Picasso self-portrait done during the artist's blue period sold for \$47.85 million yesterday, a record for the artist and the second-highest price ever paid for a single artwork at auction.

The price paid at Sotheby's for "Yo Picasso," painted in 1901, was more than twice its pre-sale estimate and \$9.4 million more than the previous record for the Spanish artist.

Works by Gauguin, Cezanne and Kandinsky also commanded record-breaking prices Tuesday as the annual spring art-buying frenzy continues. The winning bid, made by telephone, for the Picasso was followed by long applause. The painting was consigned by Wendell Cherry, the president and chief executive officer of Humana Inc., the hospital management corporation based in Louisville, Kentucky.

Another record was broken when Paul Gauguin's "Mata Mua (In Olden Times)," sold for \$24.2 million. Vincent van Gogh's "Roses" sold for \$13.9 million in 1987 — the most ever paid for an artwork at auction.

The previous record for a Picasso, who died in 1973, was \$38.45 million last year for "Arlequin."

Quit, Seoul opposition asks cabinet

SEOUL, May 10. (AP): The two main opposition parties called today for President Roh Tae-woo's cabinet to resign to take responsibility for a recent wave of violent protests by students and workers.

The Renovation Democratic Party and the Party for Peace and Democracy started a special National Assembly session by demanding that Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon and all cabinet ministers resign for failing to provide effective leadership.

Opposition lawmakers charged that the government was blocking democratic reform and using a

crackdown on violent protests as a pretext to move against all of its opponents. They accused the government of provoking unrest.

"Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon's cabinet is standing in the way of democratisation and is studied with all kinds of mismanagement. It must resign immediately," said Assemblyman Choi Yung-Kun.

The US cultural centre in the southern provincial city of Kwangju, a frequent target of violent attacks by radical students, was closed today, American officials said.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: A New York University graduate student from Japan was shot in a botched robbery in her Greenwich Village apartment house lobby, and a witness gave police a detailed description of the mugger, police said Tuesday.

Takashi, 24, underwent exploratory surgery to determine the extent of the injuries she received from a gunshot wound to her lower abdomen during the hold-up, said detective James Six of the Sixth Precinct.

She was listed in serious but stable condition at St. Vincent's Hospital, he said.

"We have no reason to believe she's going to die," the detective said. (UPI)

TUSTIN, California: A suspected bank robber tossed handfuls of cash from his car while police chased him on a freeway, then ditched the car and ran into a store in an unsuccessful attempt to hide, police said Tuesday.

The man climbed into an attic crawl space that couldn't hold his weight.

"The (store) employee heard a big thud upstairs. She looked up over a balcony and saw a guy's head," police Lt. Frank Senechal said.

The frightened employee at the jewelry and craft store fled, and police moved in. A 22-year-old San Diego man was booked for investigation of robbery. Sgt. Bill Fisher said that less than \$4,000 was taken from Far West Savings and Loan and all but about \$800 had been recovered. (AP)

PITTSBURGH: When the boys at No. 5 fire station went one way, their microwave went the other, on Sunday night.

A false alarm reporting a house fire was called, but firefighters found no such address and no fire, said fire Capt. Martin Devine. Upon returning to the station, they found their microwave gone, he said.

"It looks like we were set up," he said.

Devine said the thieves apparently entered through a rear door that is occasionally left unlocked so police and other city employees can use the restrooms.

"We always try to lock everything up when we leave," he said. "But you have to go right away when you get a call. That's your first priority."

The false alarm call was traced to a pay telephone near the station, Devine said. (AP)

GREENWOOD, South Carolina: A man who killed two children and wounded nine other people in a shooting rampage at a school was sentenced to the electric chair Tuesday.

Judge James Moore imposed the death penalty rather than a life in prison on James Wilson 12 days after the 20-year-old pleaded guilty but mentally ill to murder and other charges in the Sept. 26 attack at Oakland Elementary School in Greenwood.

Wilson, who had a history of mental disturbances from age 14, walked in and opened fire with a handgun in a cafeteria and classroom, killing Shagitta Bradley and Tawilla Thomas, both 8. Seven students and two teachers also were wounded.

Psychiatrists who examined Wilson agreed on a diagnosis of borderline personality disorder, an illness bordering on schizophrenia. Doctors testified he was fascinated with mass murder and knew what he was doing was wrong but could not stop himself. (AP)

ROCKFORD, Illinois: A woman who took cocaine during pregnancy faced involuntary manslaughter charges Tuesday in the death of her newborn in what prosecutors say is the first criminal case of its kind in Illinois.

Melanie Green, 24, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and delivery of a controlled substance to a child in Winnebago county's latest prosecution of cocaine-using pregnant women.

Green's daughter, Bianca, died due to oxygen deprivation on Feb. 4, two days after she was born. Winnebago county state's attorney Paul Loggi said. Loggi said the oxygen deprivation was due to Green's cocaine use.



Beauty contest

Miss Universe candidates, from left, Carolina Pies Riet, Miss Uruguay; Louise Meljheide, Miss Denmark; and Consuela Cruden, Miss Suriname, pose for pictures on the beach in Cancun, Mexico. The Miss Universe pageant will be held on May 23 in Cancun, Mexico. (Reuters wirephoto)

2 yrs for robbery

Kiss and bang

LOS ANGELES, May 10, (UPI): The "Miss America Bandit," a former cheerleader turned bank robber, was sentenced to two years in prison yesterday by a judge who said she deserved leniency because she had fallen under her boyfriend's malevolent spell.

US District Judge A. Andrew Hank, who imposed the sentence, said convicted bank robber Danielle Tyce Mast, 24, followed a long line of women through history who have fallen under the "Sengali-like" influence of corrupt men.

In a rambling speech that raised the eyebrows of courtroom spectators, Hank said Mast was unduly influenced by her sexual liaison with Lonnie Jackson, her live-in boyfriend in Oakland, California.

"Men have exercised, traditionally, control over the activities of women and I'm not going to ignore that, no matter how much flak I get from women's lib," he said.

"Men have always exerted malevolent influence over women and women seem to be soft touches for it, particularly if sex is involved. Now people will say I'm a sexist, but I don't care. That's the truth."

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Loggi said Green was arrested Monday. She was released on \$3,500 bond and arraignment was scheduled for May 21.

The charge against Green is the first adult, homicide-related prosecution attempted in the state and possibly the nation, Loggi said. (UPI)

DUBLIN: A group of British fortune tellers broke off a tour of Ireland on Monday after thieves stole their crystal balls and tarot cards.

Irish police said the five clairvoyants, all from northern England, parked their car in Dublin and returned to find the essential tools of their trade had vanished.

"We were aware something was about to happen, but we did not think our luggage might be taken," psychic Margaret Pickering told reporters.

Police were baffled by the crime. "Just what the thieves will do with their haul remains a mystery. You might say we are looking into it," one official said. (Reuters)

LONDON: A Prisoner convicted of murdering a police officer during a riot said Tuesday he was resigning as honorary president of the student union at the world-renowned London School of Economics.

Weston Silcott, who was sentenced in 1987 to a minimum of 30 years in prison, said in a statement through his attorney that he thanked the students for their courage and support.

Students had said they elected Silcott to focus attention on what they believed to be the injustice of his conviction.

"However, I have no wish for them to be made scapegoats as I have been. I therefore resign as president," his statement said.

The executive of the campus chapter of the National Union of Students later accepted his resignation. It will hold new elections with fresh nominations next term. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Actor Clint Eastwood was sued Tuesday by a woman who alleged the star of the "Dirty Harry" movies intentionally rammed her car while it was parked at Burbank Studios.

Stacy McLaughlin claimed in her suit that Eastwood acted "with malice" when he drove his vehicle into hers on Dec. 16, 1988, at the studio's parking lot.

The superior court suit seeks \$100,000 in punitive damages and unspecified compensatory damages.

Gary Silverman, McLaughlin's lawyer, could not be reached for details about the incident, but the Los Angeles Herald Examiner reported that McLaughlin had parked her car in Eastwood's spot while dropping off a tape at his Malpas Productions Co.

McLaughlin, who works for an independent animation production company in Universal City, dropped off the tape, then visited another producer on the lot, the newspaper said. (UPI)

LOS ANGELES: A man from Hong Kong was sentenced to 19 years, seven months in prison and fined \$1 million Tuesday for importing more than 66 pounds (29 kg) of "China white" heroin valued at more than \$72 million.

Chi Wai Wong, 45, was convicted of one count of attempted possession of 66 pounds of heroin with the intent to distribute it, said assistant US attorney Gregory Alarcon.

Under the sentence imposed by US district judge A. Andrew Hank, Wong will not be eligible for parole, Alarcon said.

Drug enforcement administration officials said the case involved the largest amount of southeast Asian heroin ever seized in southern California.

DEA agent Richard Irwin testified at the trial that the heroin was 92-percent pure and had a street value of \$7 million Alarcon said. (UPI)

Raped jogger now better

NEW YORK, May 10, (UPI):

For the first time since her rape and beating, doctors yesterday upgraded the condition of a Central Park jogger to "serious," as reports of threats to her accused attackers and their lawyers sparked tightened court security.

The 28-year-old Wall Street investment banker has maintained a 99.7-degree temperature, is now able to name objects and is expected to undergo facial surgery next week to repair smashed eye socket, said Dr Robert Kurtz, director of

surgery at Metropolitan Hospital.

"We would now classify the patient as being serious rather than critical," Kurtz said of the woman who is slowly recovering from a two-week coma that she slipped into after the April 19 attack.

One of the youths charged in the two-hour "wilding" rampage through a moonlit Central Park, Jermain Robinson, 15, has been freed on \$15,000 bail, a law enforcement source said.

Robinson is accused of assaulting two male joggers but is not charged in the rape. Authorities at Spofford Juvenile Centre in the Bronx refused to release information about Robinson's April 29 release because he is a juvenile.

Revelations about the jogger's improvement came on the eve of the arraignment at state Supreme Court in Manhattan of Robinson and seven other youths charged in the attack.

Court officers intensified security, bringing in hand-held metal detectors, barricades and

augmenting the number of officers on standby in case of emergency.

Security was stepped up amid reports of a death threat to one of the youths, Kharey Wise, 16. Wise's lawyer, Colin Moore, said his client received a "drawing of a tombstone with Kharey's name and a death date."

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2 more cult men caught in dragnet

Well-known Mexicans members

MEXICO CITY, May 10, (Agencies): Police have arrested the eighth and ninth members of a voodoo-style cult of drug smugglers blamed for the ritual slaying of 15 people near the US border, law enforcement officials said yesterday.

Five picked up earlier have named several well-known Mexicans as members of the cult.

Octavio Campos, spokesman for the Mexico City attorney-general's office, identified the suspects as Enrique Calzada and Salvador Antonio Gutierrez Juarez, also known as Jorge Montes.

Campos said Calzada was "the boyfriend of one of the women ring members nicknamed 'Carla'."

"Carla" is the nickname of Maria del Rocio Cuevas Guerra, 43, who was arrested along with four other alleged cult members at a Mexico City apartment Saturday after a gun battle with police.

Police refused to disclose the identities of two other women arrested late Monday, saying they were being questioned and that their depositions had not been completed.

An official at the attorney-general's office, who insisted on anonymity, said police sought "several more" suspects for questioning in connection with the cult slayings at a ranch outside Matamoros, Mexico.

Police on Saturday also arrested Sara Aldrete Villarreal, 29, who authorities described as the cult's "godmother," Omar Francisco Orea, 23, a journalism student at the National Univer-

sity, Dr Maria de Lourdes Guero Lopez, 29, a physician and Alvaro de Leon Valdez, 22.

The cult's "godfather," Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, and a henchman were killed by fellow cult members on Constanzo's orders inside the fourth-floor apartment a few blocks from the US and British embassies.

The nine suspects being held have been booked on charges of homicide, criminal association, wounding a police agent during the arrest and property damage. Campos said their arraignment was scheduled for late yesterday, but had been delayed because of paperwork associated with the depositions.

Campos said Gutierrez "admitted that he had taken part in the killing of a homosexual who went by the nickname of La Claudia."

Gutierrez Juarez said it was Constanzo who carried out the murder of the homosexual, he said.

Juan Diaz, a spokesman for the attorney-general's office, told United Press International that "the body of the homosexual had the top of its skull chopped off with a machete, a hole made in the back, and the spinal chord extracted to make a necklace with it, as they had done with their other victims."

Thirteen of 15 bodies — including that of an American college student — found at an isolated ranch near the border city of Matamoros last month had been mutilated in what arrested cult members said were human sacrifices supposed to protect Constanzo's operation.



Wyman with fiancée

Rolling Stone Bill Wyman, 52, with his 18-year-old fiancée Mandy Smith at their unofficial engagement party at Wyman's new cafe restaurant, Sticky Fingers, which was opened in London on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Legal team hopeful Wright defending

WASHINGTON, May 10, (AP): US House Speaker Jim Wright's new legal defense team yesterday prepared motions asking that the two primary charges against him be dismissed on grounds that the ethics committee's special counsel has misread House rules.

A source familiar with the defense said Wright's lawyers believe they have a good chance of thinning the 69 formal counts of alleged rules violations before Wright faces a trial-like disciplinary hearing before the ethics panel.

But the legal manoeuvring appeared likely to further delay that hearing, pushing it into June rather than late this month.

The Texas Democrat is charged with evading House limits on outside earned income through bulk sales of a book he wrote, and with improperly accepting some \$145,000 in gifts from Fort Worth real estate developer George Mallick, who has been deemed by the committee as having a direct interest in legislation before Congress.

But Wright's lawyers will argue that a strict reading of the rules permits unlimited book royalties to be collected by a House member. They also will try to make the case that Mallick helped Wright not because of any interest in legislation, but because of the longtime friendship between the two, and that such relationships are protected by the rules.

Freed kids treated for burns and shock

MELBOURNE, May 10, (UPI): Four children splashed with gasoline and held for seven hours at gunpoint in a kindergarten toilet yesterday were being treated today for chemical burns and shock.

The children, all aged four, were released when a Turkish gunman surrendered to police following negotiations through a broken toilet window.

The children were rushed to hospital after Soraferia Huseyn, 32, stumbled through the door of the kindergarten toilet with blood streaming down his right cheek.

The three boys and a girl had spent the day wedged in a cubicle with the gunman, who was armed with a knife and an imitation pistol.

During the siege the gunman doused part of the Manresa Kindergarten, in suburban Hawthorn, and threatened to kill the children, police said.

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Frank Green, said today one of the boys had burns to 60 per cent of his body.

There were blisters on the leg of another boy, he said.

The man moved into the school grounds, produced a gun, and then ordered the schoolteachers to take the 20 children, some of whom were making Mother's Day gifts back into the classroom.

One of the parents sneaked into a church presbytery next door and called police.

All but four of the children, a mother and a teacher escaped.

Green said Huseyn had been fighting to get compensation for his 33-year-old wife, Zehra, following a Caesarean operation 10 years ago at Dandenong hospital.

Information withheld, say Gander victim's parents

OTTAWA, May 10, (UPI): A couple who lost their only son in a 1985 crash that killed all 248 US soldiers and eight crew members aboard a chartered plane said yesterday the US government withheld vital information that would provide clues to the cause of the tragedy.

Dr Doug Phillips and his wife Zona, of St Petersburg, Florida, said in an interview they represent about 50 families across the United States whose sons were killed in the Dec. 12, 1985, crash in Gander, Newfoundland.

The Arrow Air jetliner was carrying members of the 101st

Airborne Division home to the US for Christmas after a tour of peacekeeping duties in the Egyptian Sinai peninsula. The plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Gander.

The couple disputes a conclusion by the Canadian Aviation Safety Board that ice on the leading edge and upper surface of the wing caused the plane to crash at low altitude. That conclusion was also rejected by four of the nine executive members of the board, who have suggested the crash was the result of a bomb planted by terrorists.

"We have to get to the truth of the matter," said Mrs Phillips.

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Technology loss Concern over FSX

WASHINGTON, May 10, (AP) — The United States could lose both its technology and its pre-eminent role in the aerospace industry if it fulfills an agreement with Japan to co-produce a new jet fighter, opponents of the deal say.

"We will teach the premier Japanese aerospace firm how to build a world-class fighter, something they cannot do today," Democratic Rep Mel Levine of California, said yesterday. "It is a fact that enhancing the capabilities of one's competitors will, by definition, decrease one's technological lead."

Lawmakers expressed concerns at a series of hearings about the co-production agreement for the FSX fighter.

President George Bush last month approved a \$7 billion agreement under which the United States and Japan would co-produce an advanced version of the F-16 fighter.

The agreement calls for the United States to transfer designs for the F-16, developed by General Dynamics, to Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan's prime contractor.

Labour dumps unilateral N-disarmament policy

LONDON, May 10, (AP) — The Labour Party, battling to broaden its appeal after a decade in opposition, yesterday dumped its vote-losing doctrine of unilateral nuclear disarmament.

Urged on by party leader Neil Kinnock, Labour's national executive voted 17-8 for a new policy of multilateralism, whereby a Labour-led government would only scrap Britain's independent nuclear arsenal in a negotiated arms control deal.

A 16-9 vote defeated a motion by the hard-line left

to set a deadline for scrapping Britain's submarine-based nuclear missiles unilaterally.

The national executive adopted an unopposed amendment whereby a Labour government would negotiate nuclear disarmament bilaterally with the Soviet Union if US-Soviet negotiations stalled.

But the executive also adopted unopposed a resolution saying nuclear weapons are "not a deterrent and of no practical use" which the ruling Conservative Party claimed was tantamount to say-

ing a Labour government would never use them.

Labour left-wingers accused their party of betraying its principles and vowed to fight to reverse the new policy at the party's annual convention in October which must approve the policy changes.

The shift is part of a wide-ranging policy review designed to draw Labour back to the political centre. Arguing passionately against unilateralism, Kinnock told his colleagues he had tried out the doctrine on US, French and even Soviet leaders and won no

understanding for it.

"Unilateralism is not even comprehended by those who share our objectives in other countries," he said.

"They were totally uncomprehending that we should want to get rid of a nuclear system without getting elimination of nuclear weapons on other sides too — without getting anything for it in return," he said.

Hope of NATO harmony

WASHINGTON, May 10, (UPI) — President Bush, saying he anticipates harmony at a NATO summit late this month in Brussels, indicated a compromise may mend a rift over negotiations on short-range nuclear missiles.

"I have a good feeling there has been a lot of smoke out there and we'll have a smooth summit," Bush said in a brief Oval Office news conference yesterday.

He appeared to be signalling a resolution of the dispute, mainly between the United States and West Germany, on East-West negotiations over battlefield nuclear weapons — those with ranges of 300 miles (500 km) or less.

Asked if he was hinting at a compromise, the President said:

New Soviet arms dictum

UNITED NATIONS, May 10, (Reuters) — The Soviet Union said yesterday that global "overarmament" was giving way to a policy of reasonably sufficient defences and called on the West to follow its lead in adopting this "new model of security."

Addressing the UN disarmament commission, Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr Belonogov said Moscow's decision to cut its defence budget and weapons production opened "enormous possibilities."

"We hope that the Western states would also adopt practical measures aimed at ensuring the defensive nature of their military doctrines and would follow our example and start reducing those military components where NATO has a considerable advantage over the Warsaw Pact," he said.

"It might mean people are willing to do it our way — the United States."

The Western alliance, Bush said, "is going to stay together and remain strong. We will work it out."

Bush's expressions of confidence followed a 20-minute meeting yesterday with Dutch

Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers, who is seeking to mediate the missile-talks dispute.

West Germany's call for new talks on nuclear weapons underlines its goal of a unified Europe from "Poland to Portugal" and is not a prelude to quitting NATO, conservative politicians said yesterday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Disappointment

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Reuters) — President George Bush hinted strongly yesterday that he was disappointed with the conviction of Oliver North on three of 12 criminal charges stemming from the Iran-Contra scandal.

"As you know, I wanted all along to see him exonerated," Bush told reporters when asked his opinion of tomorrow's verdict.

Asked if he believed North, a former Marine colonel, was innocent, Bush replied:

"Well, I'm not going to argue with the courts, but it's in the press is being appealed. He's entitled to the right of appeal without a lot of editorial comment from me."

Bush to visit UK

LONDON, May 10, (KUNA) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is to entertain American presidents past and present next month, Buckingham Palace confirmed today.

On June 1, George Bush and his wife Barbara will have lunch at Buckingham Palace during his official visit to Britain which forms part of a tour including Rome and Bonn.

Embassy fire

LONDON, May 10, (KUNA) — The French embassy in London has been extensively damaged in a fire which broke out early today.

At least six fire engines were dispatched to deal with the blaze, in the fashionable Knightsbridge area, central London, which raged for more than an hour-and-a-half.

Reagan honoured

PARIS, May 10, (UPI) — Former US President Reagan was elected to the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences yesterday, joining the ranks of politicians and other leaders honoured for humanitarian contributions, the academy said.

Reagan was elected as a foreign member of the academy to fill a seat left vacant by the death of Swiss bishop Hans Urs von Balthasar last summer.

An academy spokeswoman said Reagan was chosen for his political and humanitarian contributions.

Academy members, who are elected for achievements in the field of human sciences, include Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov and former Senegalese President Leopold Sedar Senghor.

Ship fire

CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines, May 10, (AP) — The bodies of six sailors killed in a fire aboard a US Navy supply ship were flown to Clark Air Base today, and the senior US Navy officer in the Philippines called their deaths an "irreparable loss for the American people."

Another five sailors were injured when an intense fire erupted yesterday in this engine room.

White Plains, N.Y., was home after supporting operations.

Moscow is working to counter Star Wars

WASHINGTON, May 10, (UPI) — Soviet scholars and arms control experts made a rare appearance before Congress yesterday and said Moscow is working on a way to counter the "Star Wars" missile defence concept, but the cost is alarming.

Without disclosing what was being studied, Andrey Kokoshin described it as an "asymmetrical response" to the strategic defence initiative, or "Star Wars," — apparently designed to overwhelm a US missile defence by sheer numbers.

But, he said, "nobody among those who are concerned with our national security, our budget deficit, is happy with the counter-SDI programme because although it's less costly than (an SDI programme) the whole idea is... a new step in the arms race and would require very substantial resources."

Kokoshin is deputy director of the Institute for the USA and Canada, Moscow's premier scholarly group on North America. The organisation sometimes signals foreign policy trends in the Kremlin.

Kokoshin was joined in testimony before the House armed services committee's defence policy panel by two colleagues from the institute and scientist Roald Sagdeyev, an arms control adviser to the Kremlin who recently was elected to the Congress of People's Deputies.

The panel next month hopes to hear from Marshal Sergey Akromeyev, former chief of the Soviet general staff and now an adviser to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Both Kokoshin and Sagdeyev reiterated Moscow's view that the 1973 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty should be strictly interpreted in terms of what testing is permitted. Sagdeyev said any strategic arms agreement should contain some recognition of the ABM treaty.

The two also said talks on reducing short-range nuclear weapons in Europe should not be linked to conventional arms reduction talks and should occur after the conventional talks.

Kokoshin also said he thought Moscow could cut its short-range forces to near US levels.

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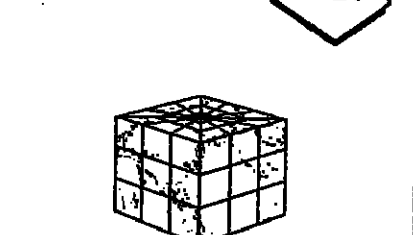
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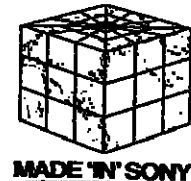
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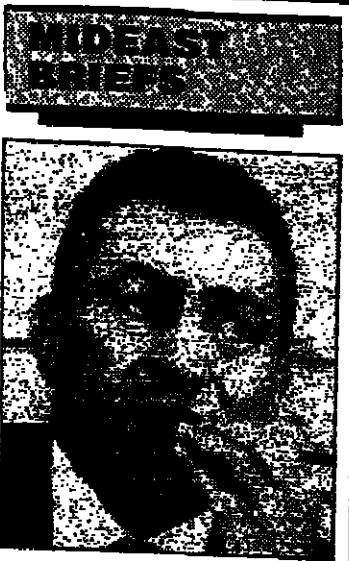
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Mubarak summit

Israeli troops shooting more children in Gaza

GAZA, May 10, (Reuters): In the occupied Gaza Strip, Israeli troops are shooting children in growing numbers as youngsters armed with stones and taunts play a leading role in the Palestinian uprising.

Nine-year-old Basem Abu Aqal, sandy-haired and stoic, is one of the casualties. He was shot in the thigh last month and with a rubber-coated metal bullet as he and friends were stoning soldiers, a daily occurrence since the uprising began 17 months ago.

"Soldiers chased me into a citrus grove," he said. "I felt something hot (in my thigh) and then I felt something fall on my foot. I looked down and I saw the bullet."

The Army shot and wounded more Gaza children under 15 in the first four months of this year than it did in all of 1988, UN statistics show.

Rescuers rushed Abu Aqal to the emergency ward of Ahli Hospital, where the wounded boy gazed indifferently round him.

Asked why he did not get home to Jabalya refugee camp after he was shot, he said: "I was afraid if I went home the soldiers would follow me and beat my family."

He shrugged, his dirt-smudged face blank, when asked if he realised he risked being shot if he threw stones.

Abu Aqal's mother Eziza, 33, said she could not stop her son throwing

stones. "Does he listen to me? I told him, but he does not listen. What can I do, tie him up?"

Figures kept by the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which provides services to Palestinian refugees, show gunshot wounds among children under 15 in the Gaza Strip have rocketed since January.

While 363 were wounded in the first year of the uprising, 416 were wounded this year by April 15. About 650,000 people live in Gaza.

The Swedish branch of the international charity Save the Children last month accused Israel of deliberately shooting at children. Israel angrily denied the charge.

Of the more than 461 Palestinians who have been killed overall since the uprising against Israeli rule began, at least 46 were children, UNRWA records show.

No single reason explains the

increase in the wounding of children in Gaza.

An Army spokesman said there had been no change in firing orders.

Soldiers serving in Gaza say nationalists have recently tried to boost a flagging uprising by inciting youngsters to riot, forcing troops to open fire.

Military sources attributed a general rise in wounding to a reduction of troop numbers in the territories over the past two months.

Kabul launches counter-offensive

37 rebels killed in Jalalabad

KABUL, May 10 (Agencies): The government's armed forces launched a counter-attack against Muslim rebels surrounding the eastern city of Jalalabad, killing 37 rebels, officials said yesterday.

The government's claim could not be independently verified, but if true it would be a significant development in the 9-week-old siege of Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar province.

Since the Soviet Union withdrew its troops from Afghanistan in mid-February, government soldiers have waged a defensive battle to maintain control of key garrisons and supply routes in Jalalabad.

"We are now in the offensive position," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani. "In the last three days, we have started concentrating on the enemy positions. We would like to vanquish the enemy from the city and then start moving out."



An Afghan tying rattan bars into a bird cage in the main bazaar of Kabul. It is traditional for Afghans to keep birds valued for their song and fighting abilities. (Reuters wirephoto)

Amani said the armed forces had begun several operations aimed at driving out the rebels surrounding Jalalabad, located 125 kilometres (75 miles) east of Kabul, the nation's capital.

Amani said fighting was reported in the north and east of the city. He said 37 rebels had been killed and 27 wounded since Monday night.

The rebels, fighting for 10 years to topple Afghanistan's communist government, began their siege of Jalalabad on March 6, using conventional warfare tactics for the first time in the war.

The rebels, known as the mujaheddin, control much of the countryside in Afghanistan, but they have never captured a major city.

A victory in Jalalabad would give them a base on Afghan soil for the interim government they set up last February in Pakistan and the psychological momentum for a thrust against Kabul.

Despite the government counter-attacks, Amani said, the rebels launched rockets into the city on Monday night and yesterday, killing four civilians and a government soldier, and destroying 11 houses and a mosque.

Heavy fighting also was reported in Sarobin, located about halfway between Jalalabad and Kabul, Amani said.

He said the Army killed at least 15 rebels trying to block the road, a key supply route to the capital.

Rebels also fired three rockets into Kabul early yesterday, but no casualties were reported.

The government also accused neighbouring Pakistan, which supports the Afghan rebels, of preparing to launch a major attack in southern Afghanistan.

Arms shopping

Gulf replenishing arsenals

MANAMA, May 10, (UPI): Iranian President Ali Khamenei's visit to China and North Korea, which began yesterday, coincides with a multi-billion dollar arms spending spree by Gulf states still on edge eight months after a UN-brokered Iran-Iraq ceasefire.

Iranian opposition sources say cash-strapped Tehran, whose fundamentalist policies have alienated it from the West, wants to barter its oil for more Chinese military know-how.

The opposition sources said China was a major arms supplier to Iran and other Gulf states during the Iran-Iraq war, and unleashed US anger when it sold Tehran deadly Silkworm missiles.

Beijing, which also sold Iran Soviet-designed Scud-B missiles, shipped the arms to Tehran via its ally North Korea, they said.

The Iranian sources said Tehran may also be negotiating the purchase of sophisticated fighter jets from Romania and Yugoslavia.

Tehran last week announced it was purchasing jets from a country which was not a superpower, leading to reports it wanted to buy the tactical combat Orca (Eagle IAR-93B jet, jointly developed by Romania and Yugoslavia).

Gulf-based Arab diplomats said Iran was also negotiating the purchase from Czechoslovakia of nearly 200 Soviet T-54 and T-55 tanks, as well as deals with Romania for missiles and the know-how to set up a factory to produce armoured vehicles.

Other reports said Iran has indicated to Beijing it would like to assemble in Iran the Chinese version of the Soviet MiG-19 and pay for the deal with oil.

Saudi Arabia, which says it needs to defend itself against possible aggression from Iran, is also on an arms shopping spree—even though it signed a mammoth \$20 billion arms deal with Britain last year.

The Saudis, who have one of the best Air Forces in the region, are also keen on bolstering their small Navy. Military experts said Riyadh is also negotiating with West Germany and other European states to buy frigates and submarines, and arrange training for their crews.

Iran's Gulf war foe Iraq is also buying arms. Iraqi officials last week said Baghdad was negotiating with Paris and Moscow to buy more sophisticated French and Soviet fighter jets.

The French company Aerospatiale, which sold Exocet missiles to Iraq during the Gulf war, may supply the technology Iraq needs to manufacture sophisticated surface-to-surface missiles.

Smaller Gulf states such as the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Kuwait are also replenishing their arsenals, diplomats said, with Kuwait—which has already placed a billion-dollar order for US F-18 fighter jets and Maverick missiles—also buying Soviet armoured personnel carriers.

Mauritanians 'expelled'

DAKAR, May 10, (Reuters): Senegal yesterday accused Mauritania of deporting hundreds of its own citizens of black origin across the River Senegal which forms the border between the two West African countries.

Government spokesman Cheikh Tidiane Ndiogme said up to 500 black Mauritania were expelled in the area of Bakel, 600 km (375 miles) east of the capital Dakar, in the previous 24 hours and the exercise was still going on.

Senegal and Mauritania have been at loggerheads since hundreds of people were killed in ethnic rioting in both countries last month.

Senegal's Parliament has extended a state of emergency and a seven-hour night curfew in Dakar for an unspecified period.

Egypt 'in'

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak said on Tuesday his country would attend an Arab summit planned for May 23 in Morocco.

99.9 percent of the Arab states have agreed that Egypt should take part in the coming emergency summit, the Middle East News Agency quoted Mubarak as saying on his return from brief visits to Jordan and Iraq.

King Fahd (of Saudi Arabia) and Arab states have agreed that Egypt should be present at the time the summit is held. This is the scenario.

Second time

MANAMA, Bahrain, May 10, (UPI): An oil supertanker that ran aground off the Saudi Arabian coast and leaked 3.9 million gallons of oil into the Red Sea was refloated after running aground for a second time, shipping sources said today.

The Gulf-based sources said the 276,740-ton Kanchenjunga was refloated yesterday without damage or further oil spills off the Saudi Red Sea port of Giza.

Maritime authorities in the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah said two tugs initially brought in to stabilise the vessel had to tow it six nautical miles away from the spot where it ran aground for a second time. The tug boats did not give a reason for the second accident.

Summit date

CAIRO, May 10, (Reuters): The leaders of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen are still discussing a final date for a summit of their Arab grouping postponed from this week, an Egyptian minister said yesterday.

The national Middle East News Agency (MENA) earlier quoted Information Minister Safwat Shariif as saying in Baghdad the leaders of the recently formed Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) would meet in Egypt on May 18-19.

But Shariif said on his return from a visit to Iraq with President Hosni Mubarak that some of the leaders were not free for the summit at the proposed date, MENA reported.

Rains begin

NAIROBI, May 10, (Reuters): Rains have lashed some parts of southern Sudan in the past three days, threatening to disrupt movement of urgently needed food aid to thousands of hungry people there, relief agencies said yesterday.

"Rains started early this week. They are slowing the movement of our trucks but we are going on," a spokeswoman for the Norwegian Arab Relief Centre in Nairobi said.

Hussein appeals

AMMAN, May 10, (KUNA): Jordanian monarch King Hussein last night called for lessening effects of recent government measures on the society.

King Hussein, presiding over the first meeting for the new Jordanian government since its formation last April 27, advocated amending the country's taxation system to attain social justice and equality.

New land way

CAIRO, May 10, (KUNA): Egyptian Minister of Transportation and Communication Suleiman Mutasawi affirmed last night that the project of the causeway which will link between Egypt and Saudi Arabia will establish a new land way between Egypt and the Gulf area and will boost tourism, and the transfer of goods and passengers.

In a statement the minister said that the project which came in the final communiqué at the end of King Fahd visit to Egypt will revive the construction in southern Sinai.

Moroccan PoWs

UNITED NATIONS, May 10, (AP): The Polisario Front fighting for the independence of Western Sahara will release 200 Moroccan prisoners of war soon, a UN official confirmed yesterday.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was informed through the representative of Polisario in Algeria, Mr Ibrahim Hakim, that the gesture by Polisario to release these prisoners had been made at the request of the Italian government," said UN spokeswoman Nadia Younes.

Mass protest

LONDON, May 10, (KUNA): Muslims planning a mass protest against the controversial author Salman Rushdie have been told there are no plans to ban the demonstration because of security fears, it was reported today.

Earlier, they believed police would ask British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd to ban the protest, due to be held in London's Hyde Park on May 27.

Ex-head of W. German co. held in Rabta plant case

FRANKFURT, May 10, (AP): Authorities have arrested the former head of the West German company at the centre of the scandal involving an alleged Libyan chemical weapons plant, a prosecutor said today.

West German and US authorities said the company, Imhausen-Chemie, operated as the key supplier of material for the plant in the Libyan town of Rabta.

Mannheim prosecutor Holger Preisdanz, who is leading the probe into the case, said former company chief Juergen Hippenstiel-Imhausen was arrested today in the city of Bochum.

Hippenstiel-Imhausen is "strongly suspected" of violating West German export laws, Preisdanz said.

Preisdanz said he had received growing evidence of such violations after investigating the case since February, but declined to release any further details of the probe.

The prosecutor noted that authorities also were concerned that Hippenstiel-Imhausen may have been preparing to flee West Germany.

many.

Hippenstiel-Imhausen resigned in March as the head of the family-owned company located in the Black Forest city of Lahr.

Libya has denied that the plant is designed to produce chemical weapons, saying instead it is to produce pharmaceutical products.

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No political prisoners

Egypt denies torture charges

CAIRO, May 10, (AP): The Interior Ministry says Egypt has no political prisoners and does not practise "torture of any kind" on imprisoned accused criminals as Amnesty International charged today.

The London-based human rights watchdog group's 40-page report on Egypt spoke of "a pattern of torture" in the country's jails. The document was said to be based on interviews with former prisoners among more than 3,000 arrested under emergency laws since 1986 and "well over 100" medical reports by the Justice Ministry's forensic medicine department.

In a statement attributed to an "official source," the Interior Ministry said: "It is absolutely untrue that there is torture of any kind" by Egyptian police, who work for the ministry.

"Government prosecutors and the courts are in charge of detainees and investigate any complaints the detainees have ... until now, there has been no proof that any torture exists."

The emergency law has been in effect since the assassination. To Amnesty International's charge that those arrested under it are political prisoners, the official Interior Ministry source said:

"As for the arrest of numbers of extremists who believe in terrorism, this takes place ... after gathering accurate information about terrorist plans that they intend to carry out ... Those detained under the emergency law have the right to go to court, which can order their release if it sees that the information gathered about their activities is not enough."

Cruellest dictatorship

Iran accused of sponsoring terrorism

BONN, May 10, (AP): Chancellor Helmut Kohl's political party yesterday accused Iran of sponsoring state terrorism and said the Tehran government is one of the cruellest dictatorships in the world.

Kohl's conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) called on Common Market countries to start an initiative that would lead to Iran's condemnation by the United Nations General Assembly.

Although Kohl's party strongly condemned the Tehran government, West Germany remains Iran's largest trading partner.

The CDU party newspaper also called on the UN Security Council to discuss Iran's "state terrorism" and urged Iran's suspension from UN committees.

"In Iran, one of the cruellest dictatorships in the world is in power," the CDU said.

"Oppression, human rights abuses and terror are the main marks of this regime," the CDU newspaper added.

It accused the Tehran government of denying basic political rights to its citizens, of "brutally and systematically" persecuting political opponents and religious minorities, and of torturing prisoners, including women and children.

Delilah, deceit weapon, unveiled

TEL AVIV, May 10, (Reuters): Israel has revealed a new weapon of deceit in the field of electronic warfare named after the Biblical temptress Delilah who defeated the mighty Samson by exploiting his weak spot.

The Delilah Unmanned Air Vehicle Decoy (UAVD) is a 2.70 metre (nearly nine foot) remote-controlled drone aircraft aimed at disrupting air defences and allowing attacking Israeli planes to slip through to their targets.

Delilah, built by state-owned Israel Military Industries (IMI), was unveiled to mark independence day today.

"The greatest threat facing combat aircraft today is the lethal accuracy of radar-directed air defence systems, both anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles," IMI said.

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Asians increasing

Call for study on foreigners

IN an article published in a local paper, Dr Abdullah Al Sheikh from Kuwait University called for setting up a council or a committee to undertake studies on the future image of Kuwait and recommend methods for developing Kuwaiti society.

This futuristic programme will enable Kuwait to face challenges that could appear in the coming years, Sheikh said and added: "One of the challenges that the Kuwaiti society faces is the demographic imbalance in the population. Kuwait is the only country in the world where its citizens are a minority in their own country."

He went on to say that the percentage of foreigners (non-Arabs) is very high — specially from the Far East — and wondered what course of action Kuwait will take to redress the increasing numbers of Asians.

"Traditions and values of foreigners are completely different from those of Kuwaitis," Sheikh added.

Education should be given paramount importance in Kuwait as it is the base of building its citizens to be productive to their society. Government schools receive thousands of pupils annually, including higher institutes and universities. Of these large numbers that graduate, some meet local needs and others increase the so-called masked unemployment that hinders development.

Sheikh said that Kuwait still needs physicians, engineers, technicians, but local institutes cannot provide these cadres. The Faculty of Medicine cannot admit a large number of Kuwaiti students who obtain high grades in the Secondary School Certificate due to capacity reasons.

"Influence (wasta) is widely spread in the educational staff," Sheikh said and added that most graduates are not loyal to the country.

There should be a clear connection between the educational plan and the five-year plan of the state. The educational plan should be connected with the economic, social and political circumstances of the country.

Serious concern accorded to developing manpower and building the human being will cushion Kuwait when oil is depleted, Sheikh said.

He added that Kuwaiti teachers constitute only 35 per cent of the total number of teachers in government schools — most of whom are in the primary schools. This obliges us to concentrate on qualifying Kuwaiti teachers and encouraging outstanding Kuwaiti students to join universities and higher institutes with a view to taking up the teaching profession after graduation. Expatriate teachers will find it difficult to build the Kuwaiti student due to some national questions. But, Kuwaiti teachers can do it due to their understanding of the questions of loyalty and national concepts.

He went on to state that studies showed that crimes by youths are increasing sharply in Kuwait due to foreign babysitters who are uneducated. These juveniles commit crimes due to the wrong concepts, morals and values imbibed from these babysitters.

Statistics have indicated that 903 cases of possession and consumption of narcotics and liquor have been documented in one year. Sixty per cent were apprehended in the Capital Governorate, 13 per cent in Ahmadi and 27 per cent in Hawalli. The average age of addicts is 19 years.

The national economy depends on one source of income which is oil. The price of oil is collapsing which reflects on the state budget and causes a deficit in the budget. This will also lead to reduction in public services and spendings which Kuwaiti citizens are not accustomed to, the official said.

"We should study the future situation of the oil market and its effects on the internal situation and the state should diversify its sources of income. The government should study reasons for the failure of its policy to guide public spendings. The government spends large amounts on projects and services that are not important to citizens," Sheikh said.



His Highness the Amir during his meeting with Yugoslav Foreign Minister Budimir Lonchar also attended by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Nasser Osaimi.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

New fund launched

A LEADING investment management company, backed by a top British bank for the first time, launched a new international investment fund, yesterday.

Scimitar, a subsidiary of Standard Chartered Bank, introduced Scimitar Guaranteed Fund with a total of \$40 billion worth of shares on offer worldwide.

Addressing a press conference, John Kirkham, director of Scimitar, said that the chief attraction of the new fund is that it is underwritten by a bank guarantee from Standard Chartered which insures investors the return of at least their initial investment at maturity.

The minimum investment allowed is \$10,000, while the fund's maturity is valid for a seven-year period, he added.

According to Kirkham the offer lasts between 10th May-30th June to investors on a "first come first serve" basis.

"We are offering investors a greater chance of growth prospects in their investment in this fund with the help of professional advisors and managers with a portfolio covering all the world's major economic activities. We do not believe that past performance is a guide to future prospects. Like any reputable financial organisation we do expect growth but we cannot guarantee success. What is certain, however, is that the investor will get his investment money back if things go really bad," explained Kirkham.

According to the director of Scimitar the fund is aimed at the individual investor of fairly modest means. He said the company chose Bahrain to launch their fund because it considers the region of great importance in terms of growth prospects of the international futures market.

"The International futures market offers investors tremendous investment prospects. The market has reached enormous size in view of the huge supply and demand. The essence has been to capitalise on a wide-ranging investment portfolio when prices of commodities are rising as well as going down. Therefore the need for professional investment managers is very important for this market. Bahrain is the financial centre of the region. Prospects of growth of this market here are excellent," said Kirkham.

The Scimitar Guaranteed Fund has been developed by Scimitar in conjunction with Cargill Investment Services (CIS), one of the biggest futures traders in the world and London Portfolio Services, a Gibraltar based group specialising in futures investment.

Security stable

Crime rate decreasing in capital: governor

GOVERNOR of the Capital Sheikh Jaber Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah has said that regular security patrols deployed in the capital are operating well, which is reflected in the evident drop in crime rates and stability of security.

He said that a total of 3,262 crimes were recorded in 1986, 57 per cent of which related to money, 18 per cent against individuals, 17 per cent thefts and eight per cent moral crimes.

He added that the mixture of nationalities in Kuwait partly was responsible for the rise in crime rates, as there would always be those who would do anything to get what they wanted.

The governor lauded the state of vigilance exhibited by Kuwait's security system which gets the credit for keeping law and order under control and foiling subversive acts against the national unity of the people of Kuwait.

He reaffirmed that the present number of deployed police patrols was sufficient to maintain law and order in the country round-the-clock, stressing that security agencies face no shortages and that all police stations and security centres were sufficiently equipped both with men and facilities to carry out their duties with optimum effect.

Optimised

The governor said that co-ordination with the municipality had optimised the level of services, facilitated public transactions and ensured comfort for all.

He expressed his support for the establishment of separate municipal departments for the governorates, after the pattern of health and educational areas, whereby to fulfil the principle of decentralised operation and reduce obstructive red-tape.

Meanwhile, the director of the Jafra Educational Area, Sulaiman Al Koub said that violence in schools can be attributed to three major factors, social, psychological and biological.

He said that family tension also plays an important role in the students' behaviour and added that lenient treatment of children also affects their behaviour with their teachers. Koub stressed that student failure in his studies is an important factor for delinquency.

He called for attracting the young generation to the mosques. He also called for working out legislation to protect children from the negligence of their families.

Changes

Koub warned that the teenage stage is the most dangerous phase as many important physiological and other psychological changes occur. He said that it is a stage of instability in the life.

He said that hooliganism and violence at schools, particularly in secondary schools are a form of behaviour violations including damaging school properties, attacking teachers and quarrelling with other students. Such violence may go beyond the school territory and extend outside, Koub said.

He added that relations prevailing among the family members, particularly the parents have a very important influence on student behaviour. Bad relations do not help provide the suitable atmosphere for children to grow properly and contribute a great deal to delinquency. He said that delinquency is also attributed to other reasons including the separation of the parents either by divorce or death.

Lonchar seeking Kuwait support

NAM summit discussed

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

YUGOSLAV Foreign Minister Budimir Lonchar yesterday met HH the Amir and, Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Lonchar was on a 24-hour visit to Kuwait to discuss preparations for September's Non-Aligned Summit in Belgrade.

During his talks with Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Lonchar sought Kuwait's support for efforts to further the Iraq-Iran peace process, one of the key issues on the summit agenda.

Kuwait, because of its geo-political situation, could be particularly helpful in seeking ways to further the Iraq-Iran peace process, Darko Shilovich, a Lonchar aide, told the Arab Times.

Yugoslavia, currently a member of the Security Council, has been involved in the Geneva peace talks.

The talks also aimed at helping to put the Non-Aligned Movement, split by ideological differences, on an even keel, the diplomat said.

"The Non-Aligned Movement has sought to overcome the ideological differences between its members, but instead of leading the way we have been lagging behind," Shilovich explained.

Yugoslavia which wants NAM to play a more constructive and responsible role is counting on Kuwait's active participation in efforts to find solutions for some of the developing world's political and economic problems.

Lonchar also sought to hear Kuwaiti views on the Middle East problem, the Lebanese crisis, international economic order, North-South relations and protectionism all of which will figure on the summit agenda.

"International economic problems cannot be solved through putting up barriers. We need the co-operation of those who have the capital, technology and know-how and we should all seek to develop common interests," said Shilovich.

The discussions dealt with ways to upgrade bilateral ties with Yugoslavia seeking to attract Kuwaiti investment, according to Shilovich.

The two sides hold an identical viewpoint on the role of the movement, stressed the diplomat.

He added that Kuwait's willingness to extend its economic ties with Yugoslavs who seek a greater share of the Kuwaiti market and have recently liberalised its laws to attract foreign investment. The diplomat said Yugoslavia which is pushing for the market oriented economy is not seeking a preferential treatment in Kuwait.

"We feel we can compete on a free market and have more to offer than just expertise in construction industry," he claimed.

Yugoslavia is offering attractive investment opportunities particularly in tourism which promises quick returns, he said. Closer co-operation, he said, could help both countries cushion the effects of unpredictable market fluctuations.

Lonchar also discussed the performance of Yugoslav companies in Kuwait some of which have failed to meet their contractual obligations, said Shilovich.

"Kuwait is ready to continue the co-operation. The problems we have are being solved in a friendly manner," Shilovich said.

Sewage project

THE project to develop and expand the sewage water treatment station in Ardhya is considered a vital project, according to the Sanitary Department of the Ministry of Public Works.

In its annual report related to significant achievements of the ministry last year, it indicated that Ardhya station is one of the biggest in Kuwait.

The station will shortly serve about 1,250,000 persons in different areas. It is connected with a comprehensive plan to benefit from treated sewage water, which is to be used in some cases. The station will also ensure removal of organic pollutants at the cheapest cost and will be operated with a limited number of employees.

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Dental services need more finance

By Mahmoud Morsi

INCREASING the budget allocated to dental medicine is one of the important means which the ministry must follow to improve dental services at its clinics, advisor for dental affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health Dr Mahmoud Rajaei was quoted as saying.

In an interview with the daily Al Seyassah, Dr Rajaei said that the budget replenishment of the dental services will help develop these services and eventually minimise complaints by citizens.

He added that the budget must be increased either through the ministry's allocation or through public contribution by bearing a specific part of treatment cost. An increase in the budget will be reflected on the salaries to be given to the dental staff.

He recalled that the under secretary of Ministry of Public Health Dr Naei Al Naqeb in a press interview held recently confirmed the importance of the public contribution in the treatment costs hinting that such contributions will help upgrading the ministry's services. Rajaei added, that no prejudice will be committed if each citizen has to pay KD35 per annum for dental services.

Meanwhile, the official called for appointing efficient dentists, dental hygienists and dental technicians in order to provide efficient services such as those available in advanced countries. He also called for establishing a

dental faculty at Kuwait University, which would provide the Ministry with its needs of dentists.

On the otherhand Rajaei called on the government to carry out all projects that may increase the volume of specialisations in the dental field in co-operation with Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations.

He clarified that the Dental Services Department which had been established a few years ago had created several specialised centres in addition to the continued education programmes and on-the-job training programmes. Apart from the above, the department had established Al-Rumalhiyah, based, Dental Services Development Centre, which was performing its task in the training field perfectly in addition to another four centres which are still under construction and will be established in Addan, Mubarak Al Kabir, Al-Sabah and Al-Amiri Hospitals.

Replying to a question, Rajaei said that there are 411 dentists at Dental Services Department with 91 Kuwaitis, 268 expatriates and about 52 visiting dentists according to 1988 statistics.

He clarified that out of the above 27 per cent were specialists, 51 general practitioners and the remaining were either in training courses, on scholarships or at preventive medicine. He disclosed that dentists at the private sector amounted to 191, 182 both Kuwaitis and expatriates.

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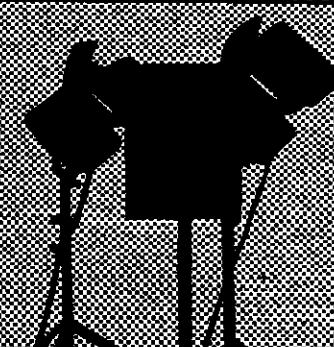
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Exam cheats in need of help

More research required

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Information and Students Affairs at the Ministry of Education Abdel Mohsin Al Saeed yesterday called for co-operation between school, family and social institutions to eliminate the cheating phenomenon during the examination period.

Al Saeed, expressing dissatisfaction with the ongoing public controversy relating to the cheating issue, stressed it can be better treated through scholarly studies and researches which can adopt effective remedies and recommendations in this regard.

Efforts, he added, should be focused mainly on developing students' moral values and other

ethical concepts of honesty, self-reliance and truth.

Meanwhile the headmaster of Fahsheel Secondary School for Boys, Hussein Dashti said that all preparations for final examinations were completed before the Eid holidays.

Main and sub-examination committees were prepared and divided according to students capacity at examination centres, he added.

In an interview with a local daily, he said that students were also distributed among those committees and each of the students received his examination schedule and seat number.

He said that the ministry also

distributed teachers as head of committees or supervisors according to their specialities. A meeting was held among all committee members on this regards.

Disturbing

Regarding the issue of cheating which took an upswing over the past decade, he said that heads of committees were asked to take strict measures in facing this disturbing practice adding that students caught cheating while taking their examinations will be suspended from the examination. He pointed out that the school was able to achieve success in stopping cheating.

He called upon students to restrict themselves to measures and rules issued by the school administration also urging them to co-operate with committee heads.

The headmaster of Al Jabriya Secondary School for Boys, Ahmad Mohammed Al Kharifi stressed that the Ministry of Education took strong measures against students caught cheating.

He added that the holy month of Ramadan was a good opportunity for students to review their curricula. He pointed that the required curricula is small and students are only tested on half of it.

New computer system will upgrade services to public

IN a two-year development process, the National Centre for Computer and Microfilm in co-operation with the computer department at Kuwait's Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has finalised a computer system to respond to the work requirements of the ministry.

In an interview with the daily Al Sayassah, Naji Al Bassam, director of the centre said that the system has been designed to use the latest computer technology in developing, commissioning and upgrading the performance of employees working in the computer centre to facilitate enhanced services to the public. A total of 120 employees are involved in the training process.

The new system will process data pertaining to about 30,000 employees, 46,000 companies and 600,000 employees. The data compiled in the system related to four governmental authorities: Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) and Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC).

On future projects, Bassam said that the centre is currently involved in developing computer systems at several governmental authorities including the development of 19 systems for the Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA). These systems are expected to go on line by next year.

The centre is currently preparing a new system for the Fatwa (Legal Opinions) and Legislation Department. The system is designed to easily retrieve data pertaining to laws and decrees. The project may be awarded to one of the specialised companies who

will work under the supervision of the centre.

An important project is setting up a system for the preparation and follow-up of the state's five-year plans. A team of experts has been formed who will work in accordance with the instruction of the undersecretary at the Ministry of Planning and Dr Abdul Hadi Al Awadi, co-ordinator of the five-year plans.

Although the system has been designed to handle a host of complicated issues pertaining to the five-year plan, it is a flexible system designed to accommodate any future modifications.

The centre, which is affiliated to the Ministry of Planning, is keen to provide the ministries and governmental institutions with the latest technology pertaining to computers and microfilm systems to handle all data related to constructional projects undertaken by the Ministry of Public Works.

The system is designed to minimise the need for administrative jobs by providing computerised reports on payment certificates to contractors and consultants and to provide progress reports in both Arabic and English.

The resignation of a number of technicians of the centre to join the private sector is attributed to a lack of incentives and this is a cause of some problems. Additionally, some officials at government authorities oppose the development of the computer system, Bassam said.

However, the centre is working on several concepts to overcome these hurdles and streamline the workings of the centre, he said.

New campaign stresses use of seat belts

SECRETARY of the Road Safety Society Dr Nabil Abdul Raheem has said that the society is planning a nationwide awareness campaign to urge drivers to wear safety belts and not to let children ride in the front seats of cars.

He told a local daily that the society had been trying hard to encourage safe driving and has been able to contribute to the reduction in road accidents.

He said with the election of a new board of directors a whole new campaign is being drawn up for the society's activities in the near future, part of which will be holding national symposia at the GCC level and organising joint traffic information campaigns for drivers and road users.

Accidents

Raheem said that 519 lives were claimed by road accidents in 1987, the year when the society was founded, and that this number dropped to 300 last year which reflects on the effectiveness of the society's activities over this period.

He pointed out that 5 to 10 per cent of drivers were using a seat belt in 1983, and that this percentage has risen to 40-50 per cent.

He said that the society encountered no difficulties in this development. He said that the objectives of the society might prove to be slightly more difficult.

He added that the society has encouraged the private sector to contribute in achieving these objectives and has had a positive response.

Society

Raheem said that since its establishment in 1986 the society has hosted 200 personalities over 120 symposia to discuss traffic related issues and ways to reduce road accidents.

He added that the last symposium sponsored by the society was a national event aiming to involve and collect views from various cultural centres on possible ways to further control traffic accidents and ensure safety to all road users.

Civil service talks will continue soon

THE Undersecretary for the Civil Service Commission, Abdul Zabin, has announced that the second round of meetings between the Civil Service Commission and higher administrative development committees are due to start on May 22, and will continue for three days.

Interviewed by a local daily, Zabin said 23 undersecretaries and assistant undersecretaries will take part in the meetings. He added that the Civil Service Commission has prepared the agenda of the third round of meetings with government high ranking officials scheduled for early July.

Zabin said that the meetings aim at informing high ranking officials on what has been reviewed during the past meetings and the latest developments in this regard.

He said that discussions will deal with the hindrance to development and current projects in the country. It will also give examples of other countries experiments in this field.

He added that officials who took part in the first round of meetings have unanimously agreed that they represent an important step for development.

Meanwhile, Zabin said that the commission had almost completed preparations for creating summer training opportunities for university, applied education and secondary stage Kuwaiti students.

Arms seized

SECURITYMEN successfully raided a number of hideouts and recovered large quantities of arms, liquor and hashish.

Investigations and intensive security surveillance further led to the unearthing of a new hideout in Sulaybiya from which large quantities of heroin and hashish were recovered. The suspect arrested in this connection has been identified as an employee of one of the ministries.

Farm land allocated

THE Public Authority for Agriculture, Fisheries and Fisheries will distribute 300 plots of agricultural lands to those who have applied for agricultural lands, according to the director of the agricultural plots department, Yasseen Al Dousari.

The committee concerned with the issue, have concluded a list of illegal land users. The committee have drawn up a blueprint for specifying these lands and submitted them to the Ministry of Finance which will resolve violators positions and issue permits wherever justified.

"The plots were illegally used by citizens prior to the issuance of the special Ministers Council decision for settling this issue," Dousari said.

He added that the committee removed all acts of violations at agricultural areas after the issuance of the Ministers Council decision in this respect. A total of 30 violations were rectified - 18 of which were in Wafra and 12 in Abdali.

The authority disbursed an amount of KD3 million to farmers during the fiscal year 1988-1989, the official said.

Agriculture, fisheries and livestock sectors in the country receive the concentrated attention of the government. The authority works to spread agricultural awareness and the usage of modern agricultural methods among farmers. These efforts focus on encouraging protected agriculture which is distinguished with higher yields and less use of irrigation.

Dousari said that the authority conducted several studies on protected agriculture to familiarise farmers with the use of this method. Initial costs of protected agriculture forced farmers to adhere to traditional methods.

The authority recently has decided to back up protected nurseries in order to develop the method and protect farmers, Dousari added.

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Top level attention to afforestation

THE director of the Parks and Afforestation Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Abdul Mohsen Al Qallaf has emphasised the support rendered by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to national landscaping and afforestation projects.

He told a local daily that the Chairman of the Board and Director General of the Authority Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah is sparing no effort to mobilise all available potentials for the optimum implementation of the national landscaping and afforestation project, which accorded top-level attention by various government agencies.

Qallaf said that the department was deeply involved in the expansion of the vegetation stretch in the country, through planting and maintaining existing parks and gardens, while supplying medians, intersections and other public locations, while supplying shrubs and trees in others that could survive under local weather conditions.

He added that a total of 220 streets would be covered by the

landscaping and afforestation project with a total length of 387 kilometres, whereas 122 parks would be involved in the process too.

Qallaf further added that as a result of the sorting out of shared functions between the authority and the Ministry of Public Works, the authority is now responsible for the implementation and maintenance of landscaping roads in the country, and that the authority assumed this responsibility as of April 1989.

He said that the department had invited a number of tenders for the maintenance of landscaped spaces in public gardens, streets, roads and intersections, which cover 60 per cent of the existing gardens and other public utilities which are located between the first and fifth ring roads and between the Gulf and Ta'woon streets up to airport road.

Qallaf also said that the Authority is currently co-ordinating with the Public Works Ministry to supply all afforestation areas with treated effluent for irrigation purposes.

The total area of afforested area has so far been 7511 hectares, which is expected to go up to 9800 over the next five-year plan, the official added.

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Ceasefire surprise

Reprieve for Sudan government

By Dalia Baligh

A SURPRISE declaration of a monthlong ceasefire by rebels in southern Sudan comes as a reprieve for the Sudanese government's beleaguered troops and a boost for an international relief effort to save 100,000 people threatened with starvation.

It also raises hopes for an end to a 6-year-old civil war that has been draining a million dollars a day from the economy of one of the world's poorest countries.

The announcement on Monday by John Garang, leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, came at the height of its greatest success of the war, a six-month string of victories that had government forces reeling.

Rebel fighters also had been intensifying pressure on the strategic southern capital Juba, which had become a focal point in the conflict. Its fall could have determined the war's outcome by forcing the government from its largest stronghold in the embattled south.

But at least as important, the ceasefire could give an unexpected boost to the United Nations' struggling operation to transport more than 100,000 tons of food and supplies to the south before heavy rains start this month.

The aim is to prevent a repeat of last year's disaster, when up to 500,000 people died in the fighting or starved or died of disease in sanctuaries isolated by flooded roads and airstrips.

In announcing the ceasefire, Garang, a renegade Army colonel, said the unilateral truce will hold only as long as the government refrains from redeploying or trying to reinforce its troops in the region. He said the ceasefire could be extended if necessary.

Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi immediately welcomed the announcement. "Each step taken by Garang toward peace will be reciprocated by two steps from the government," he said in a May Day speech.

The guerrilla ceasefire was unexpected. Only last month, Garang rejected a UN-sponsored "month of tranquility" for April to allow the \$132 million relief operation easy access to its targeted 2.3 million war-affected southerners.

Instead, he guaranteed safe conduct for specific relief convoys by plane, truck, train and Nile River barge. But attacks by unidentified armed groups, bureaucratic hassles, inadequate transport infrastructure and bad planning have hampered the operation, and only 37,000 tons of food had been delivered by the end of April.

UN officials say the operation will continue until the rains cut off transport routes.

"I think the overriding reasons behind this decision are political, but they are bound to be connected with the relief effort," said Richard Reid, regional director of the UN children's welfare organization UNICEF. He has conducted most of UN negotiations with the rebels seeking safe-conduct guarantees for relief missions.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed, but it ought to help the operation if only by easing things and reducing the level of anxiety," Reid said in a telephone interview from Amman, Jordan.

Previously the rebels rejected a proposed month-long truce, apparently because they were having battlefield successes and didn't want the Army to reinforce its troops.

Since then, El Mahdi approved under Army pressure a tentative peace plan signed last fall between the rebels and a rival political party. Later, officials reported cautious optimism after El Mahdi's decision was relayed to rebel leaders in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The ceasefire "was the next logical step in the peace process," said Peter Woodward, lecturer at England Reading University and a specialist on Sudan who returned home from a visit there last week.

He said it was a response to the government's endorsement of the tentative peace plan. "Now it's up to the government to arrange for further steps," Woodward said in an interview.

Garang's broadcast did not indicate whether the Addis Ababa meeting led to his decision but said all forces would remain in their positions "to wait for the government to implement the requirements of the Sudanese peace initiative."

A "joint technical military committee" then would work out a comprehensive ceasefire, he said.

The most politically sensitive clause in the tentative peace agreement calls for a freeze on enforcement of an Islam-based legal code in force since late 1983. The mainly animist and Christian rebels took up arms against the Muslim-dominated government a few months earlier, demanding autonomy for the south and a greater share of economic wealth and development.

Once El Mahdi, leader of a Sudanese Muslim sect, approved the suspension of Islamic law, the way was clear for convening a constitutional conference among all factions.

The rebels have had the upper hand in the war for two years, but neither side has been strong enough to win a clear military victory. In the meantime, the south's civilian population has suffered as both sides used food as a weapon.

Juba, a city of dusty streets and thatched-roof mud huts whose population is swollen by the displaced to five times its normal 30,000, has been effectively besieged for more than two years. But rebel attacks have been intensified in the past few months.

PRESS REVIEW**Washington's silence**

A LOCAL daily has doubted the credibility of the United States toward Arab causes, saying that Washington and Tel Aviv are working together to abort the gains won by the Palestinian uprising and obstruct efforts that aim at establishing a Palestinian state.

Daily Al Rai Al Aam, also said that Washington's silence toward the massacre committed by Israel against the Palestinian people proves that the American administration is not in a hurry to solve the Middle East crisis.

The daily believed that the Americans are happy about the incidents that are going on in Lebanon and Palestine because the only beneficiary from such bloody developments is Israel. (KUNA)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1507 — France annexes Genoa in Italy.
- 1745 — French under Marshal Saxe defeat English at Fontenoy and conquer Austrian Netherlands.
- 1812 — Britain's Tory premier Spencer Perceval is assassinated in House of Commons.
- 1824 — British forces take Rangoon in Burma.
- 1878 — Radicals attempt to assassinate Germany's Emperor William I.
- 1943 — US forces land at Attu in Aleutian Islands in World War II. It is first American territory regained from Japan.
- 1949 — Israel is admitted to United Nations; Siam changes name to Thailand.
- 1971 — Temples at Angkor Wat are damaged by artillery fire in fighting between Cambodian government and communist forces.
- 1973 — Lower House of West German legislature ratifies treaty establishing formal relations between the two halves of divided Germany.
- 1975 — Laos Premier Souvanna Phouma virtually concedes communist victory in his country.
- 1987 — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government imposes direct federal control on Punjab state due to continued violence by Sikh separatists.
- 1988 — Guatemalan Army says it quashed attempt by disgruntled officers and soldiers to overthrow President Vinicio Cerezo's civilian government.

Bloody crackdown expected in South Korea

By Leon Daniel

THE deaths of six South Korean police officers in a violent clash with student radicals gives the conservative government of South Korea the reason it needs to crack down hard on leftist dissenters.

"The government has been looking for an excuse to crack down," said Edward Baker, a Korea scholar with Harvard's Yenching Institute, an education foundation for Asians. "Unfortunately, now it has one."

Escalating violence in the southern city of Pusan could prompt President Roh Tae-Woo to return this deeply troubled republic to the authoritarian rule of Chun Doo-Hwan, his disgraced predecessor.

South Korea's constitution provides for both martial law and less extreme "emergency measures," with the approval of the national assembly.

Roh pledged Wednesday he would employ legal and "extraordinary measures" if violence threatens democracy.

In recent weeks, national stability has been undermined by violence from the left. There are increasing demands from the right to repress it.

Most South Koreans profess to favour at least some kind of eventual reunification with communist North Korea, but the hardest push comes from the political left, which is strong on the campuses and in the labour force.

The government has acceded to right-wing demands for a crackdown on the leftist dissidents with wholesale arrests by riot police.

Meantime, detention by the government of dissident pastor Moon Il-Hwan after his unauthorized trip to North Korea added to the domestic turmoil and threatened to torpedo détente with the North.

Although South Korea's student left covers a broad spectrum of beliefs, its hard core is strongly

anti-American and scornful of parliamentary democracy.

Some students advocate the unconditional withdrawal of the 40,000 or so American troops stationed in South Korea and tout Kim Il-Sung's North Korean brand of communism.

Roh may be able to muster the legislative support to crack down hard on the dissidents, but many South Koreans cannot forget that he came from out of the corrupt Chun regime to win the presidential election a year ago.

Roh's popularity never was high. Because of opposition vote-splitting, he was able to win the election with 36 per cent of the votes.

Meantime, labour unrest threatens the nation's economy. The electronics and automaking industries have been crippled by recent strikes by workers who for years were brutalized by police in earlier regimes.

In some cases, wage demands top 50 per cent in a nation where labour costs no longer are low.

The government's detention of Moon — who discussed reunification with Kim in Pyongyang — angered the North Korean leader.

Kim made it clear there will be no substantive progress in reunification negotiations with Seoul unless he can continue to meet Moon and other anti-government dissidents under detention.

For his part, Roh already was under increasing pressure from the military to crack down hard on the leftists. So far, the President has been able to argue that democracy was best served by protecting it from extremism from both the left and the right.

But the violent death of a half dozen police officers in Pusan threatens to force a crackdown on student radicals that could become a bloodbath. (UPI).

Student labour troubles turn off multinationals

By Sonya Hepinstall

THE cheap and docile South Korean workers who built the nation's economic miracle are not so cheap and certainly not docile these days.

Prices are up, nationalism is high and labour is restless transforming the low-cost, low-risk environment to which foreign companies came to make money.

Long-repressed labour unrest, which exploded after the dramatic political reforms of June 1987, first focussed on local firms then turned to foreign employers.

Faced with fierce, uncontrolled South Korean unions some foreign firms left, waking South Korea's workforce up to the fact that multinationals, which owe no allegiance to the South Korean government, is not quite the same as doing battle with Seoul Rickeys Inc.

The pullouts have angered labour leaders who say the companies should face their responsibilities.

Lee Byung-Hoon, secretary of the co-ordinating council of trade unions at foreign invested companies, said: "The profits (of foreign firms) came from the

efforts of Korean labourers — labourers who ate noodles and lived in small rooms. We are pleading for social responsibility."

In late 1988, US megacorporation Motorola closed its Seoul plant after an unusually bitter and violent conflict between pro-management staff and workers who accused the company of stifling the union. Labour disputes at Siemens Electrical Engineering and IBM Korea followed.

Motorola has since reopened its plant and management says it and the union are working together to try to heal their wounds. But the case did not serve as a happy precedent.

Since the beginning of 1989 two US companies embroiled in serious labour disputes, Tandy and Pico products, have pulled out of South Korea.

They said they could no longer maintain profits, but South Korean and foreign labour activists say it is not fair that companies can just shut down or move out when the going gets tough. They demand at the most that the firms return, and at the least, that they hand over severance pay.

But the corporations seem to

have the upper hand. Western experts said Pico Korea have not yet broken any laws because they have promised to pay, while TC Electronics Korea, Tandy's venture here, slid out leaving the bare minimum behind at a Seoul bank. More firms will follow, they said.

"In the last two weeks I've had four companies call to say they're definitely pulling out," said John Donohue, who chairs the American Chamber of Commerce Labour Committee in Seoul.

"It seems to be mostly smaller companies, which find it's just gone sour. The issue is not just labour, but the difficulties in doing business here," he said.

National Semiconductor Corporation announced they will shut down their operations in Seoul by the end of May but emphasised the decision was made for financial reasons.

"We're not happily leaving Korea. In fact this is one of the best operations we have from a quality standpoint," said executive Tim Thorsteinson, who has been in Seoul for two weeks negotiating the impending 'separation' with the union.

"We've never had (labour) problems. We both want to do



Radical students in South Korea fight riot police with rocks and petrol bombs.

this in a business-like manner," he said. He said the company is offering above what is required by law and will help its employees find new jobs. Other companies have not been so open.

Unions for Tandy and Pico are especially angry that the decision to leave was allegedly taken suddenly and without notifying workers. Businessmen admitted it was easy to bail out without negotiating terms and yet still abide by the law.

Labour rights activists and

unionists are determined to change this by making new laws and involving governments.

An incident at the American Chamber of Commerce, when 50 Pico workers burst in and staged a protest before being hauled away by riot police, showed how unions see their problem as one of international concern.

The Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy said in a report: "Few foreign companies have taken labour relations and

employee welfare seriously, and they will have to quickly develop effective labour relations management systems or face the brunt of increased labour militancy."

A Western labour expert who asked not to be named said: "US companies came here to exploit cheap labour and take advantage of martial law. They left a democratic atmosphere (at home) in search of docile labour. I have absolutely no sympathy for them." (Reuters).

NATO defence strategy in question

West Germans object to being in the front line

A MAJOR dispute within NATO over short-range nuclear weapons reflects West Germany's growing disenchantment with a defence strategy that could destroy the front line nation in a war.

The West German public is becoming increasingly defiant about heavy defence burdens put on the country by its membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

But it is West Germany's vulnerable location on the East-West divide that may force the Bonn government to modify its insistence on superpower negotiations to eliminate the short-range missiles.

West Germany's leaders and a majority of voters acknowledge there is no alternative to the alliance that has protected the nation for 40 years.

"Most West Germans don't want their country to bolt from NATO," said Renate Koecher, a researcher at the national polling institute in Allensbach.

"But there is a strong sentiment in the country that NATO should be able to adjust to the changes that have occurred in recent years in East-West relations," Koecher said.

Washington cannot afford to ignore the stirrings of its strongest military partner and Western Europe's most potent economic power.

"The days are over when you can sell a defence policy to Germans that clearly threatens to turn their country into a smoking pile of ruins," said Peter Danylow, a domestic and foreign policy expert with the Bonn-based Foreign Affairs Institute.

The presence of nearly one million troops in the small country — 400,000 from foreign armies and nearly 500,000 in the Bundeswehr armed forces — is an increasing concern to the public.

With domestic anti-nuclear sentiment threatening his own political survival, Chancellor Helmut Kohl has called on Washington and Moscow to get to work on reducing the short-range stockpiles.

But US and other NATO strategists oppose a new round of negotiations on those missiles until the Warsaw Pact has reduced its advantage in conventional armaments. Bonn's refusal to endorse this strategy has caused a rift within the alliance.

Those charting public opinion say the majority of West Germans support the government's initiative to push for a revised defence policy.

"The West German public has realized as never before that these weapons would spell the certain destruction of their nation if they were ever used," said Heinz Timmermann, a defence and foreign policy expert at the Cologne-based Institute for Eastern and International Studies.

"In an era of warming relations with the Soviet bloc, many West Germans cannot understand why this strategy should continue," Timmermann said.

Most of NATO's tactical nuclear arsenal is deployed in West Germany, and would be used almost exclusively on West German and East German soil in the event of a Soviet-bloc attack.

They are part of what NATO officials say is a vital flexible response strategy that combines conventional forces with the threat of using battlefield nuclear weapons.

But West Germans view the strategy as cynical and obsolete.

Responding to the mood of the public, Bonn now says it believes the Warsaw Pact military threat has diminished because of the reform and détente policies of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Kohl's government has also said it wants to delay a decision on the deployment of new missiles to replace the ageing Lance short-range systems until at least 1991 — or after national elections scheduled for December 1990.

The new rockets would have a significantly longer range, up to 500

kilometres (300 miles), and many West Germans share the Kremlin view that deployment would constitute a rearmament step.

Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher have stood firm on the demand for prompt talks, insisting that Soviet overtures should be met with a Western readiness to compromise.

Genscher, the architect of the current arms reduction effort, has won widespread public support for his contention that Gorbachev "should be taken at his word."

The foreign minister, who was born in what is now communist East Germany, has argued consistently over his 20-year cabinet career that it is as much in the West's interest as in the East's to pursue all opportunities to improve ties between Europe's political blocs.

That view has since won broad support in Kohl's coalition government and is the foundation of Bonn's steadfastness in the rocket dispute.

Still, President George Bush emphasised recently that he opposes early short-range talks, and some US Congressmen are piqued at the German stance.

Sen. William S. Cohen, a Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, has said that the United States should reconsider its commitment to a large military contingent in West Germany if Bonn blocks deployment of new missiles.

"I think if the West German people have come to the conclusion they can place more faith and reliance on Gorbachev's words and assurances than they can upon sound NATO strategy, then it would be very difficult for me to continue to commit the size of the forces we have under those circumstances."

While Kohl has said he is optimistic that a compromise can be found before a NATO summit in Brussels May 29-30, he has also made it clear that he wants West Germany's "special situation and interests" acknowledged in an overall NATO policy statement.

Genscher stressed in a television interview that West Germany would have the "final say" on whether upgraded missiles would be deployed on German soil.

Many Germans see NATO's hesitation on the short-range missile issue as a symptom of broader reluctance to seek political solutions to East-West disputes.

Willfried Penner, a defence expert for the opposition Social Democratic Party, said US and British intransigence over the short-range nuclear missiles "makes NATO look increasingly like a military fossil."

Some critics have questioned Bonn's loyalty to NATO. But Bonn officials strongly object to suggestions that West Germany is engaging in renegade behaviour.

"We are really getting tired of being accused of betraying the alliance simply because we have the temerity to stand up for what we think is important," said a senior West German official, who didn't want to be named.

Kohl devoted a substantial part of a press statement after a meeting with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to counter suggestions that West Germany had become "an unreliable partner."

But some analysts predict that the current conflict over short-range missiles is only the first salvo in what promises to be a long and difficult debate over West Germany's place in the alliance and its role in Europe.

Arnulf Baring, a professor at West Berlin's Free University, warns that the government is overestimating its clout and underestimating the damage it can do to the alliance.

"If we don't watch out, we can cause a great deal of trouble for ourselves and for our friends," Baring said. (AP)



Only strong nations survive. Weaker ones fade away. The last two wars have taught Pakistan some very bitter lessons and they should not be ignored. M.S. Sulehry, Safat.

Hired puppet

SIR: Before the imposition of a legal ban I read a few of the chapters of The Satanic Verses written by a devil named Salman Rushdie.

I can easily conclude from the contents of these chapters. That Salman Rushdie is a hired puppet of the forces who are providing protection and shelter to him. Will these forces provide protection to this devil who is not only responsible for the humiliation of our highly esteemed religious dignitaries but also directly responsible for butchering innocent Muslims in India, Pakistan and various parts of the world.

All Muslim nations must register a case against Rushdie according to the Islamic penal code. I highly appreciate the bold attitude of Arab Times for its continuous struggle against The Satanic Verses also for providing up-to-date developments regarding the subject.

Syed Mohd Arif, Safat.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Too much work, not enough time

Stress levels are higher, says business survey

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, May 10, (AP): Many experts predicted at the outset of the 1980s that high technology would produce more leisure time. But a new international business survey found that has not come true.

Instead, longer hours are commonplace, stress levels are higher and the amount of time available for family and social life has fallen.

"Our observations are that people have become exhausted," Daniel Stamp, president of Priority Management, said in an interview. "I think the '80s were a time of massive, massive change."

His training company's survey of business people who he described as "middle management and above" found that 85 per cent worked more than 45 hours each

week, 89 per cent take work home and 65 per cent work more than one weekend each month.

Of those surveyed, 48 per cent said they experience stress every day; 81 per cent said at least once a week. Its causes were listed, in order, as the job, interruptions and the manager of supervisor. It came to the surface most commonly as headaches or anger.

Buried

Stamp's experience had been in academics before he came to Canada from Britain in 1979. As he moved into the business world, he found himself virtually buried by the demands of the faster pace.

"I discovered that nobody had these skills," he said. "I thought it was just me

who was going to pieces."

His company was started in Vancouver in 1984, offering a "time-text" programme that teaches how to set priorities and get organised.

Priority Management now has some 200 franchised offices in Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and Ireland and is getting ready to open in Spain and Portugal. It claims more than 175,000 people have gone through its programmes.

Stamp, 43, said he adheres to his own advice and sets a working day of 8 am to 5:30 pm. After that, he's home with his family.

"There is no loss of income as a result of being balanced," he said. "I think it's probably quite the opposite."

The programme asks clients to outline their goals for three years. They then learn how to break those targets down to periods of one year, and finally to one month.

"Monthly is a great cycle. It's also reachable," Stamp said.

He said the techniques learned in setting a monthly goal also can be applied to daily schedules. Noting that even something as simple as a phone call can be trimmed by five minutes if it's planned.

The survey of 1,000 people in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand had a response rate of 41.1 per cent. It found that executives are spending more time travelling, but not on holiday — 26 per cent spend more than five weeks each

year on business trips, but 62 per cent take two weeks or less of vacation annually.

The survey also found signs that family and social life may be suffering as a result of the trend to longer hours. Although 52 per cent of those surveyed said they spent at least one hour daily with their children, 27 per cent said they spend less than 15 minutes.

"It doesn't make you happy working like this," Stamp said. "It's going to inevitably reflect on the working day."

"You aren't going to have employees to drive the machine if you don't have a kinder, gentler workplace," he said. "The buzzword has become quality workplaces... to me, the way you do it is make quality individuals."

Dollar eases

Gold strengthens

LONDON, May 10, (Reuters): The dollar eased in Europe today hit by profit-taking and market concern about slack demand for almost \$30 billion worth of US treasury bills being auctioned this week, dealers said.

After closing in London yesterday at an eight-month high of 1.9165 West German marks, the dollar started to slide on US markets and fell further in Asian trading today to finish in Tokyo at 1.9073 marks.

Oversold

It opened in London slightly above that level but eased through the morning to a low of 1.9030 before recovering to 1.9065 as midday neared. It was also weaker against the Japanese yen, trading around 134.45 yen after 134.85 last night.

London dealers said that the

dollar may have been oversold in New York and Asia, leading to some profit-taking in Europe.

They added that after the active business in the first two days of this week, trading could slow ahead of the remainder of the US treasury refunding exercise which ends on Thursday and US producer price statistics for April due out on Friday.

London's 100-share FTSE index was 4.9 points lower in late morning at 2,120.2 in cautious morning trading after the Dow Jones industrial average ended 5.14 points down at 2,371.33 yesterday. West German and French shares were also easier.

Gold firmed in response to the weaker dollar and a higher silver market, traders said. The metal was fixed in London today at \$378.10 an ounce after a previous close of \$376.50.

Energy File

Anderson predicts grim picture for oil

PICACHO, New Mexico, May 10, (AP): The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries is pulling together after the Iran-Iraq war, controlling gasoline prices and unbelievably high world consumption, oil man Robert O. Anderson said.

"OPEC has never been stronger or more totally in control than it is today," Anderson said in a weekend interview at his southern New Mexico ranch.

The former chairman of Atlantic-Richfield Co., who now owns Pauley Petroleum, discounted some analysts' view that high prices were attributable to the Exxon oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska, and an April 18 oil platform explosion in the North Sea.

"It is basically attributable to OPEC's decision to curtail production last December," Anderson said.

He credited Sheikh Yamani, Oil Minister of Saudi Arabia, with bringing non-conforming OPEC members into line.

"The price of oil in the Gulf nearly doubled in the past six months after OPEC decided to pull together," he said. "When Iran and Iraq were still fighting, it was difficult to get together. Now, they are."

However, he said Yamani probably would halt the rising spiral at some point in the interest of keeping OPEC prices competitive.

"There have been no major discoveries of oil in the last 20 years, and we're looking at a pretty grim picture with two-thirds to three-fourths of the world's oil in the hands of the Gulf nations," Anderson said.

Oil policies

TOKYO, May 10, (KUNA): The Japanese energy industry is paying closer attention to US President George Bush's oil policies on the grounds that American policies are very important indicators of future trends in the oil markets.

Energy sources said the US oil imports rose considerably from four million barrels a day in mid 1980 to seven million barrels a day during last year.

Former US Deputy Energy Secretary William Martin said during a recent visit to Japan that his country's oil imports would reach 10 million barrels per day in 1995 and up to 14 million BPD by the year 2010.

Oil consumption

BONN, May 10, (KUNA): West Germany last year was at the top of the list among the Western countries in consuming oil, as it was the fourth following the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan.

Eso Oil Company in Hamburg city in the north announced today that the oil production and consumption last year registered a noticeable increase in West Germany to reach three thousand million tons.

Eso added that the oil consumption in 1988 increased by 38.5 million tons to become 3,021 thousand million tons against the production at the same time which was 115 million tons to reach 3,025 thousand million tons.

Oil pipeline

JAKARTA, May 10, (OPEC-NA): Indonesia is to construct a \$306.64 million pipeline network across its most populous island, Java, to ensure continuous fuel-oil supplies for its inhabitants up to the year 2010, it was announced here.

A spokesman for the national oil company, Pertamina, said that the bulk of the island's fuel oil supplies was currently being transported by ship or by road.

OPEC to strive for oil price stability

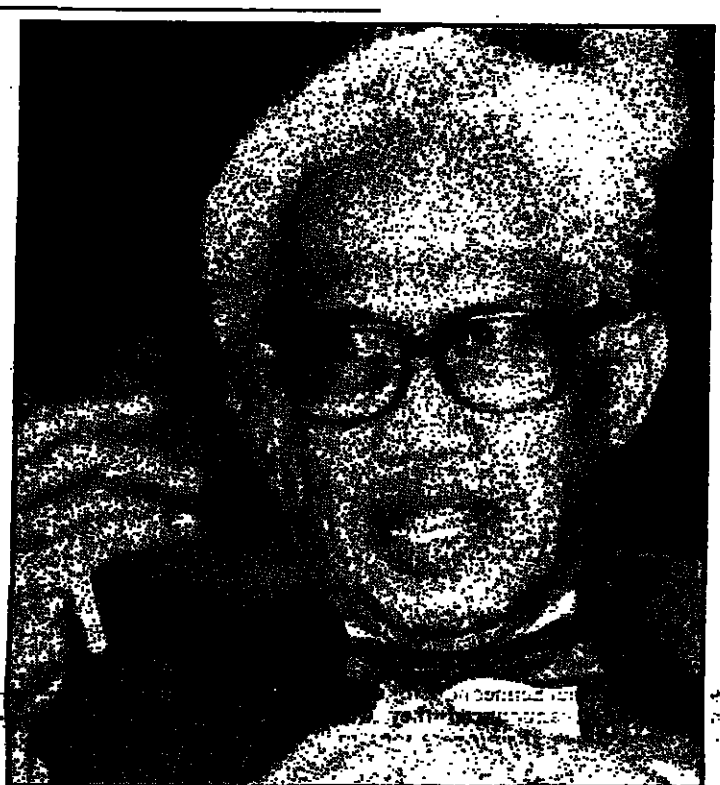
Output to be reviewed

GRAPEVINE, Texas, May 10, (AP): The head of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries said yesterday the organisation will strive toward price stability and will review its petroleum production at a summer meeting.

Subroto, secretary-general of OPEC, arrived from Frankfurt and said he would meet today with Texas railroad commissioner Kent Hance at a breakfast session.

Hance spokesman Zack Dawes confirmed a private meeting was scheduled in Dallas but would not give further details. The railroad commission regulates Texas oil production.

"It is already understood that OPEC is striving for stability in the price levels, and for the time being, we are (saying) \$18 per barrel for the OPEC cluster group is the target price we are striving for," Subroto said.



Subroto

He said OPEC would be "realised" petroleum demand world-wide is strong and that could support a higher price per 42-gallon barrel. There are 3.8 litres to a gallon.

"There is indeed an increased demand" for a higher supply ceiling, Subroto said.

"We are talking about the supply of oil in the market. That will be the topic of discussion in the June meeting. Whether we will raise it or whether we will not raise it depends upon the decision of the conference and that will take into consideration

the fundamentals of the market.

"If there is indeed an increased demand, and there is a new production level — production ceiling or supply ceiling — that will not weaken the price target of \$18, there is a possibility indeed to increase that" production, he said. "But it is premature to say right now since this is exactly the topic of discussion at the June meeting."

It was Subroto's first appearance in the United States since taking in the OPEC job last July.

Prospects

Subroto's presentation, "long-term prospects for oil stability," at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas was expected to attract an estimated 1,000 oil and gas industry representatives and others from the US southwest.

Oil prices rally

OPEC, non-OPEC 'must co-operate'

CAIRO, May 10, (AP): Non-OPEC oil-exporting countries continued participation in programme to maintain firm world oil prices depends on co-operation from the organisation itself, says Egypt's oil minister.

Thar, Abdel-Hady Kandil told the state-owned weekly Al-Mussawwar, following quotas to maintain price levels in the interests of all exporters, inside and outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Kandil told the magazine of rumours of desires that some OPEC members want higher production quotas. That "is not in the interest of oil exporters, whether or not they are members of OPEC," Kandil said.

On Monday, reports of over-production by OPEC members knocked oil futures prices to their lowest levels in almost two months.

A key oil ministry aide, Hammad Ayoub, head of the foreign trade department, told the Associated Press that Egypt has

not decided whether to continue a five per cent price-supporting export cut in effect since mid-April.

Exports

In March, Egypt and other non-OPEC members agreed to cut exports in order to stabilise the global oil market and boost prices.

Ayoub said the fate of the export cut will be a topic for experts from key non-OPEC oil producers when they meet in London on May 16. "We will consult with each other and study the future of the world oil market," Ayoub said.

The authoritative Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reported yesterday that OPEC members boosted production last month to 20.9 million barrels a day. OPEC's self-imposed quota totals 18.5 million barrels a day.

Egypt's current five per cent export cut totals around 24,000 barrels daily from a production of 870,000-900,000 barrels a day.

Just over half the production is consumed domestically.

"Egypt sees that it is necessary to follow present quotas," Kandil told Al-Mussawwar. "The sacrifices that non-OPEC countries make depend on the co-operation in measures between the two groups for the interest of everyone."

US oil prices rallied today from sell-offs in previous sessions, but were losing ground at the end of trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange as word spread of an industry report of rising crude stocks.

West Texas Intermediate — the benchmark US crude for immediate delivery on the Merc — gained 32 cents to \$19.76 a barrel.

Unleaded gasoline, which plunged 2.52 cents yesterday, climbed 54 cents to 65.52 cents a gallon.

Home heating oil, which lost 68 cents yesterday, gained 30 cents to close at 46.99 cents a gallon on the Merc.

Minister to visit Cairo

Sheikh Ali to sign exploration pact

KUWAIT, May 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi will sign during his upcoming visit to Cairo on May 20 an oil exploration agreement, press reports here said today.

The local daily estimated the money to be spent on the exploration operations in east of Matruh in Egypt's western Sahara at \$23 million.

The paper pointed out that a Norwegian company in collaboration with the Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) are to launch the drilling.

The daily said that discussions will tackle means of upgrading oil finds in northern Al-Tawila to the south of the Gulf of Suez and drilling two oil wells in Magawesh, North of Ghardaqa on the Red Sea also to be launched by KUFPEC in co-operation with the French Total company.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia today repeated a denial that it was exceeding its OPEC oil output quota of 4.524 million barrels per day.

"We do not find an explanation for putting Saudi Arabia with the list of those exceeding their OPEC quota — if there is anyone who violates the quota — when the kingdom has denied this allegation time after time," an oil ministry official told the Saudi Press Agency received in Nicosia.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and his Oil Minister, Hisham Nazer, both denied reports last week of Saudi production in excess of the quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The official said "hidden hands are publishing this information (of exceeding OPEC quota) on purpose to play with the markets and push prices down."

Industry sources have estimated that Saudi Arabia pumped 4.9 million barrels per day in April. But OPEC defines output for quota purposes as oil actually sold and not wellhead production.

The official said Riyadh had said several times "that it abides by its quota because it is keen on maintaining the stability in prices... and it has preferred those who doubt that to the official sources in the specialised oil organisations."

Nazer last week urged those wishing to check on Saudi Arabia's output to contact the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The 13-member organisation is due to meet in June to review the present production accord and set a ceiling for the second half of 1989.

Bid to outlaw money-laundering

Zurich unveils plan

ZURICH, May 10, (Reuters): The Swiss government unveiled plans today to outlaw money-laundering and prevent criminals abusing Swiss bank secrecy to dispose of their loot.

Justice Minister Arnold Koller said money-laundering should be made a crime punishable by up to five years in prison or a fine of one million Swiss francs (\$595,000).

"Switzerland does not need dirty money," he told a news conference in Bern. "The government wants to make a contribution to the fight against drug trafficking, money-laundering and organised crime."

Koller was outlining a draft law which will be put before Parliament this year. It could become law in 1990.

Switzerland has been criticised in recent years by police in other countries who say its bank secrecy laws make it a safe haven for the proceeds of crime.

The government brought forward plans to outlaw money-laundering after prosecutors said last year that over \$1 billion of drugs money had been channelled through Swiss banks.

Koller said the new law would make it an offence for anyone to help to conceal the origin of money which he knew, or had reason to suspect, was obtained through crime.

It would also oblige banks to check the identity of the real beneficiaries of money or valuables deposited with them.

\$340m Moscow loan for Egypt

CAIRO, May 10, (Reuters): The Soviet Union will lend \$200 million (\$340 million) to Egypt in an attempt to improve ties with its one-time ally, Soviet Foreign Economic Relations Minister Konstantin Katusev said today.

Details of the loan were still to be discussed, he said, but the money would be used to buy equipment and spare parts for Soviet-built iron and steel and power plants.

Katusev, heading a trade delegation for a five-day visit, said on arrival that he would

review with Egyptian ministers the current trade volume of 600 million sterling a year between the two countries.

Boosting

"I am here to discuss ways of strengthening and boosting the trade size," he told reporters after meeting Economy Minister Youssri Mustapha.

Egypt and the Soviet Union agreed last year to calculate sterling for trade transactions at a special exchange rate of three Egyptian pounds. The current bank exchange rate is 4.20 Egyptian pounds.

Sixteen million Italians stage general strike

Hospital charges introduced

ROME, May 10, (Reuters): Sixteen million Italians stopped work today in a general strike against hospital charges introduced to combat Italy's huge public deficit.

In most sectors the strike, accompanied by protest marches and public meetings throughout Italy, lasted for four hours, union leaders said. But transport workers went on strike for only two hours.

Newspapers did not publish and most banks, schools and public offices were closed.

The strike was called by Italy's three trade union confederations in protest against charges introduced last month for hospital admission and other medical care.

Stoppage

The stoppage was the third general strike this decade. All were called to oppose government economic policy.

The five-party government of Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita has been deeply divided

over the charges, aimed at combating the spiralling public deficit, which is expected to reach at least 130 trillion lire (\$93 billion) this year.

After fierce arguments which threatened the survival of the coalition, the cabinet agreed on April 27 to soften the measures, setting a 200,000-lire (\$145) annual ceiling on hospital charges.

De Mita threatened to resign unless ministers stopped sniping at his economic measures. Coalition parties are united against the strike, promoted by the Communist Party.

Both De Mita and his archrival in the coalition, Socialist leader Bettino Craxi, have attacked unions for using what they say is an inappropriate weapon against the charges.

Unions accused the government of doing nothing to improve Italy's notoriously inadequate health service and of victimising

the weak to raise money.

Giorgio Benvenuto, leader of the mainly socialist Uil Trade Confederation, said: "If De Mita will not hear the voice of protest of the workers we will give him a hearing aid."

Charges

But De Mita says Italians can well afford the charges, and are capable of spending the equivalent of a year's public hospital fees on a single ticket for a soccer match.

Yesterday De Mita's fragile and squabbling coalition, which is widely expected to collapse after elections for the European parliament in June, defeated a no-confidence motion called by the communists against its economic policies and the health charges.

Politicians believe the United Front formed by the coalition to throw out the communist motion and reject the general strike will revive De Mita's crumbling administration temporarily.

Pan Am may seek to buy Northwest

WASHINGTON, May 10, (AP): Pan Am Corp. may seek to buy Northwest Airlines, Pan Am announced yesterday.

Pan Am said it has retained the investment company Prudential-Bache as a financial adviser in the matter.

Northwest's parent, NWA, solicited bidders. The company has rejected a \$2.6-billion offer and several others are reportedly interested with the price thought to be close to \$3 billion.

In announcing its interest, Pan Am president Thomas G. Plaskett noted that the two airlines have virtually no overlapping routes.

Merging the two airlines would create a major US challenger to rapidly expanding foreign airlines, he said.

"The recent developments at NWA have created a unique opportunity to pursue an idea that makes good business sense and one that will position Pan Am and Northwest to grow together into a world leader in international aviation," Plaskett said in a statement.

"There are still a number of complex issues to examine, including transitional labour agreements and the specific terms of an offer, before we will proceed with a bid," added Plaskett.

Soviet team for Tehran

Rafsanjani to sign industrial pacts

NICOSIA, May 10, (Reuters): A Soviet economic team will arrive in Tehran tomorrow to prepare agreements to be signed by parliamentary speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in Moscow next month, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

It quoted Finance Minister Mohammad Javad Irvani as saying Rafsanjani would sign several industrial and technical pacts during his important visit to the Soviet Union.

Irvani said Railways Minister Nikolai Konarev, co-chairman of the Iran-Soviet Joint Economic Commission, would head the Soviet delegation and would be accompanied by seven deputy ministers.

Rafsanjani, acting head of the armed forces and widely expected to be elected president in August, will be the most senior Iranian leader to visit the Soviet Union since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Tehran's relations with Moscow have improved since last August's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and Irvani said Konarev would discuss industrial and economic co-operation over the next decade.

Delegation

First Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said in an interview published last week that Iran would sign a series of agreements with Moscow for arms purchases.

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World Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1763.4	1767.8 1767.8	1707.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1204.9	1204.9 1202.6	1182.7	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1094.05	94.05 1097.29	1076.15	926.59
FT GOLD SEC	86.52	86.52 86.85	87.30	87.03
FT GOLD NW	174.4	174.4 174.7	190.2	161.9
FT MINES F	659.90	59.90 660.86	653.25	565.31
FT OIL	1999.2	1999.2 2005.9	1978.9	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	144.97	145.23 145.23	141.17	139.21
FT WLD STG	129.44	129.13 128.62	125.81	115.30
FT WLD LOC	134.54	134.80 134.30	129.77	123.40

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS WEAR DAY'S LOMS IN MODERATE LATE TRADING

DAY'S LOMS IN LATE TRADING AFTER WALL STREET SHOWED LITTLE INCLINATION TO BREAK OUT OF A NARROW TRADING RANGE.

ONE DEALER SAID "IF YOU STRIP OUT WALL STREET'S INFLUENCE, THE FOOTSIIE (FTSE INDEX) NEEDS TO FALL TO AROUND 2,100 BEFORE THE REAL BUYERS ARE LIKELY TO STEP BACK IN".

BY 1445 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 10.7 DOWN AT 2,114.4 HAVING TOUCHED A LOW OF 2,112.1.

LACK OF BOTH U.K. ECONOMIC DATA AND BID RUMOURS HAS STARVED THE MARKET OF DIRECTION, DEALERS SAID.

CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS WAS BP DOWN AT 1,320 AFTER A LOW OF 1,295, AMID DOUBTS OVER MINORCO'S ABILITY TO SUCCEED IN ITS BID FOR THE COMPANY, DEALERS SAID.

YESTERDAY COMS GOLD SAID IT WAS WITHDRAWING FROM U.S. COURT ACTION AGAINST THE MINORCO BID BUT ITS 49 PCT-OWNED U.S. ASSOCIATE NEWMONT MINING WOULD MAINTAIN AN INJUNCTION BARRING MINORCO FROM BUYING ANY MORE COMS GOLD SHARES.

MINORCO NOW FACES PRESSURE TO FIND A THIRD PARTY BUYER FOR THE WHOLE OF NEWMONT, WHICH THE COMPANY SAID IT WAS ATTEMPTING, BEFORE A MAY 17 DEADLINE UNLESS THE BID GOES UNCONDITIONAL BY THAT DATE.

London Gold

LONDON, MAY 10, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED THE AFTERNOON SESSION TRADING QUIETLY, WITH OPERATORS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC RELUCTANT TO MOVE PRICES OUT OF CURRENT RANGES.

GOLD CLOSED AT 376.70/377.10 DLRS AN OUNCE DOWN FROM ITS AFTERNOON FIX OF 377.20 AND COMPARED WITH TUESDAY'S FINAL CLOSE OF 376.25/376.75 DLRS.

DEALERS SAID GOLD, LIKE OTHER PRECIOUS METALS, REMAINED FLAT HERE THIS AFTERNOON. OPERATORS AT THE LONDON MARKET FOR TOMORROW'S U.S. RETAIL SALES AND FRIDAY'S U.S. PRODUCER PRICE DATA, THE DOLLAR, SLIGHTLY LOWER TODAY AFTER RELINQUISHING RECENT HIGHS, HAD LITTLE IMPACT ON PRECIOUS METALS, THEY ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 10, REUTER - BRITISH MONEY RATES ENDED LITTLE CHANGED AFTER A DULL DAY IN THE ABSENCE OF FRESH FACTORS TO PROVIDE NEW DIRECTION TO THE MARKET, TRADERS SAID.

THE BENCHMARK THREE-MONTH EURO MARK ENDED 12-15/16 7/8 PCT, 1/16 POINT LOWER THAN LAST NIGHT WHILE MOST OTHER DATES FINISHED AROUND 1/16 POINT IN EARLY TRADING. SIX MONTHS ENDED AT 13-15/16 15/16 PCT, AFTER YESTERDAY'S 13 12-7/8 PCT.

DEALERS SAID BRITISH BASE RATES REMAINED FIRMLY ANCHORED AT 13 PCT, AND NOTED THAT UPWARD PRESSURE ON WEST GERMAN RATES SEEMED TO HAVE EASED AS THE DOLLAR RETREATED AGAINST THE MARK.

Foreign Exchange

	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
-----	1.6695/00	1.9045/50	6.4345/65		DPG
NR	1.6672/82	3.1805/40	10.7330/490		NOON
NR	1.9038/9118	3.175/189	29.52/68		FIX
NR	1.6375/4495	10.742/780	337.49/38.13		FIX
NR	1.6895/6905	2.8104/18201	26.23/26		FIX
NR	2.1495	112.72	3.5880	33.375	FIX
NR	1.0970	0.654703	2.08214	7.03425	CLSE
NR	1.28140	0.77035	2.45209	8.28041	CLSE
NR	134.43/53	224.20/51			NOON
NR	SR RATE	09/05/1989	OTHERS	10/05/1989	

ASSSETS	80/4	81/0	HEPWORTH	281/0	281/0	ROTORC	163/0	163/0
DREDDI	170/0	170/0	HESTAR	223/0	224/0	RUGBY GRP	193/0	194/0
INTL	270/0	270/0	HICKIN	287/0	286/0	SAGLAND T	45/0	45/0
INTL CHE	148/0	148/0	HIGGS RAL	372/0	372/0	SALTA GRP	295/0	296/0
INT WKR	387/0	388/0	HIMRO CTY	45/0	45/0	SALE TLN	207/0	207/0
ION	188/0	188/0	HIMRO CTY	45/0	45/0	SALESVENSE	138/0	138/0
STAIN SE	199/0	200/0	HIMRO CTY	228/0	229/0	SAVILL G	56/0	56/0
THANNIC	396/0	397/0	HIMRO CTY	152/0	151/0	SAVOY "AM"	878/0	880/0
XTON E	397/0	397/0	HIMRO CTY	100/0	98/0	SCHIR. GLOS	285/0	285/0
S & JAC	45/0	44/4	HIMRO CTY	154/0	154/0	SCT. HERI	177/0	176/0
IN SHI	349/0	350/0	HIMRO CTY	70/0	70/0	SCT I. T.	154/0	154/0
AMT GP	109/0	109/0	HIMRO CTY	116/0	117/0	SCOT MORT	125/0	125/0
INTL	76/4	76/4	HIMRO CTY	352/0	351/0	SCOT. AM I	107/0	107/0
INTL	61/0	61/0	HIMRO CTY	146/0	145/0	SCT. MAT I	99/0	99/0
GENS	145/0	145/0	HIMRO CTY	15/0	15/0	SCT. MAT I	99/0	99/0
OUGH	184/0	184/0	HIMRO CTY	33/4	33/4	SCT. MAT I	13/0	13/0
NER HP	177/0	177/0	HIMRO CTY	147/0	147/0	SECS TST	126/6	127/0
ND GRP	437/0	433/0	HIMRO CTY	60/0	59/0	SELCV 1P	18/0	18/0
ENDONIA	374/0	372/0	HIMRO CTY	55/4	55/4	SEMA GRP	319/0	320/0
ELEC	244/0	245/0	HIMRO CTY	149/0	150/0	SHANDLER	138/0	138/0
FORD E	270/0	270/0	HIMRO CTY	31/4	32/0	SHERATON S	94/0	94/0
NING W	270/0	269/0	HIMRO CTY	39/0	39/0	SHIRE INN	259/0	259/0
ST	236/0	238/0	HIMRO CTY	59/0	59/0	SIMON ENG	401/0	401/0
RDIO	807/0	805/0	HIMRO CTY	164/0	164/0	SINGERS	69/0	70/0
ND	354/0	354/0	HIMRO CTY	154/0	156/0	SINGERS	217/0	217/0
LE	155/0	156/0	HIMRO CTY	186/0	186/0	SOFI DIF	22/0	22/0
LE HD	77/0	77/0	HIMRO CTY	449/0	449/0	SPRING RAK	138/0	138/0
FTV	761/0	763/0	HIMRO CTY	115/0	116/0	SPRX-SARC	235/0	235/0
M PHRR	223/0	225/0	HIMRO CTY	350/0	350/0	ST. ANDREW	212/4	212/4
TERTERIA	23/0	22/4	HIMRO CTY	350/0	351/0	ST. MOHUN	40/0	40/0
G CHUR	118/0	116/0	HIMRO CTY	271/0	276/0	STAKIS	111/0	112/0
DRIDE	45/4	46/0	HIMRO CTY	51/0	51/0	STEETLEY	437/0	438/0
STIES	885/0	885/0	HIMRO CTY	149/0	149/0	STHEND PR	222/0	221/0
GROUP	49/0	50/0	HIMRO CTY	186/0	187/0	STODDARD	49/0	48/0
YFORM	321/0	320/0	HIMRO CTY	315/0	315/0	STONGUARD	21/0	21/0
PN KM	025/0	050/0	HIMRO CTY	211/0	212/0	STORGE HD	235/0	235/0
RL SEC	61/0	61/0	HIMRO CTY	68/0	69/0	T.E.P.E. EU	191/0	193/0
YF OIL	192/0	193/0	HIMRO CTY	147/0	147/0	TELINETX	42/0	45/0
ORE	422/0	418/0	HIMRO CTY	77/0	77/0	TEMPLE BA	453/0	252/0
LLOLL	168/0	168/0	HIMRO CTY	180/0	180/0	THAM	149/0	149/0
INTL	220/0	220/0	HIMRO CTY	383/0	383/0	THORNTONS	89/0	89/0
PERIN	154/0	154/0	HIMRO CTY	73/0	73/0	THROGHTN	89/0	89/0
STAIN	326/0	325/0	HIMRO CTY	67/4	67/4	TI GROUP	442/0	443/0
TS FT	198/0	200/0	HIMRO CTY	140/0	140/0	TIE RACK	69/0	69/0
IES (T)	136/0	135/0	HIMRO CTY	224/0	225/0	TILBERY	490/0	488/0
DA INT	190/0	190/0	HIMRO CTY	379/0	378/0	TIME PROO	242/0	243/0
TALAT	148/0	151/0	HIMRO CTY	268/0	268/0	TIPHOOK	535/0	534/0
PROP	263/0	262/0	HIMRO CTY	255/0	255/0	TIPHOOK	535/0	534/0
ES EST	33/0	32/6	HIMRO CTY	318/0	319/0	TOKPINS F	256/0	256/0
S G OD	177/0	176/0	HIMRO CTY	248/0	248/0	TOOTAL	136/0	136/0
CORP	246/0	247/0	HIMRO CTY	259/0	259/0	TOZER K&M	118/0	119/0
ION GP	187/0	188/0	HIMRO CTY	218/0	218/0	TR CITY	91/4	91/4
DA GRP	325/0	325/0	HIMRO CTY	89/0	88/0	TR PACIFIC	88/4	88/0
FINISH	311/0	310/0	HIMRO CTY	244/0	244/0	TR PROPTY	60/0	60/0
IRSTA	44/0	44/0	HIMRO CTY	217/0	216/0	TR TRSTEE	153/0	152/0
MONA	251/0	252/0	HIMRO CTY	72/0	72/0	TRIMCO	43/0	43/0
ION PK	99/0	98/4	HIMRO CTY	118/0	118/0	TRIPLEX	175/0	174/0
AS GR	340/0	339/0	HIMRO CTY	301/0	301/0	TRITON ER	170/0	170/0
INGHAM	74/0	75/0	HIMRO CTY	261/0	261/0	TRSPRT DV	240/0	240/0
Y GRP	274/0	275/0	HIMRO CTY	342/0	340/0	TV SU HLD	86/0	86/0
TM FE	440/0	438/0	HIMRO CTY	181/4	181/4	TVS ENT	325/0	322/0
TON C	540/0	540/0	HIMRO CTY	102/0	103/0	U-BRD ST	42/4	43/0
	470/0	468/0	HIMRO CTY	185/0	185/0	U-BROADHD	210/0	210/0
MISTR	79/0	80/0	HIMRO CTY	99/0	100/0	U-CITYVSN	184/0	186/0
ES LE D	329/0	329/0	HIMRO CTY	437/0	436/0	U-DEANBRO	191/0	191/0
ILL	301/0	300/0	HIMRO CTY	244/0	245/0	U-DEWEY W	120/0	121/0
E TST	17/2	17/2	HIMRO CTY	124/0	125/0	U-DURHAM	53/0	54/0
INTL	194/4	194/4	HIMRO CTY	184/0	184/0	U-EXPLAUR	39/0	39/0
TRA	277/0	277/0	HIMRO CTY	267/0	268/0	U-FERRARI	12/0	12/0
NDROCH	218/0	218/0	HIMRO CTY	276/0	276/0	U-FLOYD E	22/6	22/5
	244/0	245/0	HIMRO CTY	284/0	284/0	U-FR SD SEL	114/0	113/0
S	454/0	455/0	HIMRO CTY	75/0	75/0	U-HG-MD PT	246/0	246/0
RE ST	172/0	173/0	HIMRO CTY	156/0	156/0	U-HUGH-H	170/0	170/0
INTL J	307/0	307/0	HIMRO CTY	423/0	423/0	U-ISRAEL	45/0	45/0
	175/0	175/0	HIMRO CTY	212/2	212/2	U-KUNICK	59/0	59/0
HOME	260/0	258/0	HIMRO CTY	210/4	210/4	U-LDN FRP	129/0	128/0
THERN	315/0	315/0	HIMRO CTY	14/4	14/5	U-MCRODIT	42/0	43/0
UT	83/0	83/0	HIMRO CTY	425/0	425/0	U-MOHNT	28/4	28/4
ME VIT	637/0	637/0	HIMRO CTY	132/0	131/0	U-MSTG	385/0	380/0
E GRP	190/0	188/0	HIMRO CTY	107/0	107/0	U-N. STG	48/0	47/0
O. L	196/0	195/0	HIMRO CTY	033/0	025/0	U-PAVION	5/0	4/0
NET	215/0	215/0	HIMRO CTY	338/0	338/0	U-RDNDTH	285/0	285/0
ENTER	34/2	34/0	HIMRO CTY	37/0	37/0	U-RNNT	111/0	111/0
PACIFL	186/0	186/0	HIMRO CTY	60/4	60/0	U-SH ST	474/0	473/0
ELL	81/0	81/0	HIMRO CTY	290/0	290/0	U-STHROPE	214/0	214/0
OUN	179/0	179/0	HIMRO CTY	99/0	99/0	U-T. V. A.	206/0	206/0
ELL	205/0	205/0	HIMRO CTY	189/0	190/0	U-TRAMCO	39/0	39/0
ER JH	176/0	176/0	HIMRO CTY	220/0	221/0	U-UTS GRP	198/0	198/0
ERSON	267/0	268/0	HIMRO CTY	327/0	327/0	U-WMS	43/0	44/0
ARTS	232/0	222/0	HIMRO CTY	22/0	23/0	U-WYKO GP	80/0	81/0
AM GP	83/0	84/0	HIMRO CTY	22/4	22/4	UNION DIS	495/0	495/0
AY J	107/0	107/0	HIMRO CTY	245/0	244/0	UNITECH	331/0	330/0
N LOV	268/0	268/0	HIMRO CTY	99/0	99/0	UTO. INDUS	63/0	63/0
GROUP	317/0	318/0	HIMRO CTY	218/0	218/0	UTO. SCIE	184/0	184/0
.JNC	113/0	113/0	HIMRO CTY	243/0	242/0	VALDEN	65/0	65/0
AMER	140/0	140/0	HIMRO CTY	52/0	52/0	VALX GPR	284/0	285/0
F.E	255/0	255/0	HIMRO CTY	104/0	103/0	VERSON	36/0	36/0
INTV	187/0	187/0	HIMRO CTY	63/0	63/0	VG INSTMT	301/0	303/0
INIL	130/0	131/0	HIMRO CTY	228/0	228/0	VICKERS	187/0	188/0
ENAT	279/0	280/0	HIMRO CTY	163/0	163/0	VPI GROUP	147/0	147/0
ETHEW	297/0	297/0	HIMRO CTY	70/0	71/0	WADINGTON	198/0	198/0
OUR	127/0	127/0	HIMRO CTY	218/0	218/0	WAGON HDS	389/0	390/0
W HD	336/0	337/0	HIMRO CTY	386/0	387/0	WAGD HLD	139/0	138/0
W KNG	513/0	515/0	HIMRO CTY	111/0	111/0	WARDLE ST	363/0	364/0
OLL	305/0	307/0	HIMRO CTY	24/0	23/6	WATERFD O	75/0	76/0
TY	507/0	508/0	HIMRO CTY	453/0	453/0	WATERFD U	76/0	76/0
IS MA	127/0	128/0	HIMRO CTY	185/0	184/0	WATES CTY	188/0	187/0
DA	650/0	650/0	HIMRO CTY	269/0	270/0	WATTS B&B	352/0	352/0
STRA	412/0	411/0	HIMRO CTY	330/0	329/0	WCS GRP	250/0	251/0
OTIA	266/4	266/0	HIMRO CTY	106/0	107/0	WEIR GRP	283/0	283/0
DIS	219/0	219/0	HIMRO CTY	529/0	528/0	WEMBL	118/0	119/0
DIS	219/0	219/0	HIMRO CTY	463/0	463/0	WESTBURY	262/0	263/0
S	310/0	310/0	HIMRO CTY	75/0	75/0	WESTLAND	146/0	145/0
ER	857/0	860/0	HIMRO CTY	126/0	125/0	WHEATY	125/0	125/0
IN LE	64/0	64/4	HIMRO CTY	85/0	85/0	WHITECROF	309/0	309/0
CCCE	475/0	475/0	HIMRO CTY	323/0	323/0	WILSON BOV	250/0	250/0
E PL	32/4	32/4	HIMRO CTY	487/0	487/0	WILSON CON	181/0	181/0
S	310/0	310/0	HIMRO CTY	94/0	94/0	WOLSELY	426/0	424/0
			HIMRO CTY	64/0	64/0	WPP GRP	474/0	475/0
			HIMRO CTY	197/0	197/0	WST MOTOR	653/0	653/0
			HIMRO CTY	94/0	94/0	YALEWAL	323/0	326/0
			HIMRO CTY	64/0	64/0	YORK CHA	368/0	367/0
			HIMRO CTY	197/0	197/0	YOUNG (H)	180/0	180/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	295.9	298.8	284.0	259.3
AUSTRIA	312.0	311.9	310.7	215.4
BELGIUM	460.6	438.7	457.0	260.2
CANADA	387.4	387.4	390.2	386.8
DEMARK	650.8	649.2	644.3	330.6
FRANCE	478.2	475.9	479.1	288.5
GERMANY	214.8	216.7	216.6	156.6
HONG KONG	2691.5	2691.8	2489.2	1644.3
FINLAND	129.2	130.0	129.9	108.1
ITALY	465.9	465.5	467.9	377.4
JAPAN	1517.8	1522.2	1503.7	1022.3
HOLLAND	306.7	306.7	304.8	219.9
NEW ZEAL	93.5	93.3	94.0	98.9
NOWAY	823.3	824.7	824.8	751.0
SPORE	752.5	750.3	750.3	493.4
SPAIN	257.7	255.1	251.5	209.5
SWEDEN	1242.7	1246.1	1245.7	856.8
SWITZER	189.5	190.4	191.6	140.7
U K	641.5	644.9	644.9	515.7
U S A	280.2	280.9	282.4	270.9
WORLD	511.4	513.5	513.9	408.0
E A F E	967.2	971.9	969.2	757.5

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GEN DYNMCS	56/5	56/4	MURPHY OIL
GEN ELECT	47/1	47/3	NAT INTER

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DANIEL IND	13/3	13/2	Wall Street Station
DATA GEN	16/5	16/4	

DEC	96/3	96/1	NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME			
DEERE-CO	52/7	52/7	PAN AM CP	5		UNCH
DELTA AIR	63/4	63/5	SW PUB SVC	25 1/4	-	1/8
DIAMOND SH	26/7	26/7	GEM PUB UT	36 3/8	-	1/4
DIERBOLD	45/6	45/5	AVON PROD	38 3/4	+ 2 3/4	
DISHNET U	65/17	65/16	EDSON	42 1/8		UNCH
DOVER CORP	29/4	29/4	NELM MIN	40 5/8	+ 1 5/8	
DOM CHEMIC	92/1	91/4	BLOCKBUSTE	29 1/8	-	1
DOW JONES	34/5	34/6	ITT CORP	56 1/2	+ 1/4	
DRESSER IN	36/6	36/6	CITICORP	28 3/4	-	1/8
DREYFUS	29/1	29/2	NEW PLAM	15 3/4		UNCH
DUXE POWER	45/1	45/1				
ENRAD	51/3	51/5	NYSE LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE	
BRAD DUPONT	107/2	106/7	WEDGESTONE	2 1/2	+ 2 1/4	
DUESSENE	18/4	18/4	AVON PROD	38 3/4	+ 1 3/4	
DYNAMICS	24/3	24/3	FISNBACH C	21 5/8	+ 1 1/4	
			TODD SHIP	2 1/4	- 3/8	
E SYSTEMS	31/0	31/0	TRANNELL	4 7/8	- 3/8	
EAGLE PICH	13/2	13/1	NYSE VOLUME		68,200,840	
EASTERN EN	28/2	28/3	STOCKS UP		519	
EMERSON EL	32/1	32/3	STOCKS DOWN		692	
EMERSON RA	5/0	5/1	9-MAY- NASDAQ VOLUME		135,654,400	
ETHYL CP	23/6	23/6	STOCKS UP	945	DOWN 1050	
EDSON	42/1	42/1				

FED NAT NO	69/5	69/5	Wall Street M
FIELDCREST	25/6	25/6	

FLEETWOOD	26/2	26/2
FLEMING CO	36/5	36/4
FMC CORP	36/3	36/1
FORD MOTOR	46/4	46/3
FOSTER WHL	18/1	18/1
FOUGER, INC	17/5	17/5

FST BANK	23/0	23/1
FST CHICAG	37/3	37/4

PST INTERS	50/71	50/2	downtrend and with (producer prices) to move.
PST MISSIP	16/7	17/0	
GANNETT CO	41/4	41/5	INFORMATION PROVIDED BY F
GAP STORES	43/7	44/1	
GALVESTON	0	2/7	
GATX CORP	59/0	58/6	
GCA CP	0	5/2	
GEN DATA	5/4		

34/7	35/0	SEALED AIR	50/5	50/4
16/1	16/2	SEARS ROE	44/6	44/4

58/5	58/0	SA STEEL PAC	21/7	21/6
25/5	25/7	SHTL TRAN	39/7	39/6
15/5	15/6	SHER PLOW	65/4	65/6
37/3	37/4	SHERO-WILL	27/3	27/1
39/2	39/2	SMITH INT	10/3	10/3
32/5	32/6	SNITK INC	61/0	60/7
	0	SNAP ON TL	38/4	38/4
12/1	12/1	SOURCE CAP	38/4	38/5
33/3	33/3	SOUTHERN	23/2	23/3
26/1	26/1	SPEER FUND	9/6	9/6
12/3	12/4	SQUARE D	53/2	53/4
14/1	14/1	SQUIBS		
26/1	26/3	STONE CONT	28/2	28/1
49/3	49/4	SUN CO	39/1	39/2
42/2	41/5	SUNSHIN	63/2	63/5
48/7	49/0	SUNDSTRM	3/2	3/2
1/1	1/2	SUPER VAL	26/7	26/5
27/1	27/1	SOUTHWEST	21/1	26/0
17/6	17/6	SPERRY	17/6	17/7
27/1	27/5	SUN BELL	47/7	48/0
20/2	20/2	TDK	0	67/6
	0	TEKTRONIX	22/0	22/1
51/5	51/4	TELETYPE	350/6	350/3
	0	TELEPHONIC	23/4	23/4
18/7	18/6	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
18/0	18/0	TERAYONE	13/0	13/0
5/0	5/0	TESORO PET	10/3	10/4
22/2	22/3	TEX AMER S	*10	*11
6/4	6/3	TET EAS TR	48/4	48/4
26/6	26/6	TEXACO	53/7	53/7
5/0	0	TEXAS IND	34/0	34/0
	0	TEXAS INST	39/7	39/6
	0	TEXTRON	26/2	26/3
9/2	9/2	THOMPS NED	8/3	8/3
24/7	24/5	TIME CORP	115/3	115/0
48/2	48/0	TIMKEN	35/5	35/5
21/0	21/0	TORCHMARK	35/7	36/0
62/0	62/1	TOSCO	4/5	4/5
58/3	58/6	TOYS R US	41/7	41/5
22/6	22/6	TRANSCOR	33/5	33/4
11/2	11/3	TRANSP EN	39/6	39/5
42/4	42/3	TRANSEX	5/6	5/6
35/5	35/6	TRAVELERS	39/0	38/8
39/2	39/3	TRINITY INT	35/0	34/7
22/1	22/1	TV CORP	31/5	31/6
18/6	18/0	TYCO-LABS	34/5	34/4
29/0	29/0	UAL CORP	122/0	122/0
29/0	29/1	UTD BRAND	14/0	14/0
20/4	20/4	UTO TECH	50/3	50/2
97/4	96/7	UNILVER	63/2	63/2
16/5	16/4	UNION-CAMP	29/4	29/5
14/5	14/5	UNION-CARS	29/4	29/5
56/0	55/7	US S&W	194/2	194/2
17/1	17/1	US WEST	65/5	65/0
50/3	50/3	US AIR CR	63/5	63/5
11/2	11/2	VALERO INC	17/1	17/1
8/5	8/5	VALLER	2/0	2/13
5/4	5/4	VAROT INTL	4/2	4/3
31/7	32/0	VARON ASS	25/5	25/5
1/6	1/5	V PNT PEPL	56/0	55/6
68/4	68/3	VAIWOCK	7/1	7/0
54/2	54/2	VAL HART	35/1	35/1
22/0	21/7	WALGREEN	38/1	38/0
32/3	32/3	WARNER CO	47/6	47/7
33/0	32/7	WARNER LAM	87/6	87/6
10/4	10/5	WASTE MAN	46/6	46/7
18/5	18/5	WASH GAS L	24/7	25/0
40/0	39/7	WENDY INTL	5/6	5/7
7/2	7/3	WEST CO	19/5	19/4
63/6	63/5	WESTINGHSE	56/5	56/4
18/6	18/7	WILLIAMS C	32/7	32/7
24/6	24/6	WILLIAMS E	10/0	10/7
18/8	18/9	WINNEBAGO	8/0	7/7
23/6	23/4	WOLFE-WORL	52/0	50/0
50/4	50/4	WOLLMORTS	30/3	30/3
17/3	17/3	WORLDCORP	7/2	7/4
42/4	42/5	WRIGLEY	46/5	46/5
15/0	15/1	WYLE LABS	8/5	8/5
26/6	26/6	XEROX CORP	64/2	64/1
72/1	72/0	ZAPATA	2/7	2/7
20/0	20/1	ZAYRE CORP	27/1	27/2
		ZENITH EL	18/7	18/7
		ZERO	0	19/0

Jones Plus Indices

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
	369.68	- 1.65	2,377.02	2,368.59
	109.96	- 0.77	1,187.60	1,109.48
	191.66	- 0.65	191.92	191.26
	906.99	- 2.36	910.49	906.71
	170.71	- 0.09		
ITE	304.90	- 0.29		
	206.24	- 0.10		
	344.14	- 0.95		
	428.58	- 0.39		
IG	458.51	- 0.94		
	501.58	- 0.96		
	426.45	+ 0.15		
DEX	284.82	- 0.23		

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ANEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
DIASONICS	3 1/16	+	1/8
HOUSTON OIL	1 1/4		UNCH
PALL CORP	30 3/4	-	1/8
FRUIT LOOM	10		1/8
SOTHEY'S	37 7/8	-	1 1/2
WANG LAB B	8 5/8	+	1/4
ANDAH CP	18 5/8	+	1/8
DELME	5/8		UNCH
ADVANCE ME	6 5/8	+ 1	1/4
BAT INDS	9		UNCH

AREA LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		
ADVANCE ME	6 5/8	+ 1 1/4
CONVEST CP	2 1/2	+ 1 1/2

CENVILL DE	8 1/2	-	3/4
AMER EXPL	3 1/8	-	1/4
AMEX VOLUME	4,535,840		
STOCKS UP	187		
STOCKS DOWN	222		

Market Report

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ore. "The market seems to be in a
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International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Ledbrooke Group PLC is issuing a 140 mln stg convertible Eurobond due June 14, 2004 with an indicated coupon of approximately 5-1/4 pct and priced at par, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd. said. (KJUF 0856)

LONDON: Imperial Chemical Industries PLC is issuing a 100 mln Australian dr Eurobond due 1992 paying 15-1/2 pct at 101-5/8 pct, J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. said. (KJWA 0834)

Athens: Greece is offering a three-year, 9.75 pct drachma bond, index-linked to the European currency unit and open to foreign and domestic investors. Subscription is open-ended and there is therefore no fixed amount. (KJUF 0752)

LONDON: The long-term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd is issuing a 150 mln dr Eurobond due June 1, 1993 paying 9-7/8 pct and priced at 101.45 pct, lead manager Citicorp International Ltd. said. (KJUG 0753)

LONDON: Toronto Dominion Bank Ltd is issuing a 100 mln Canadian dr Eurobond due 1994 paying 11 pct at 101.80 pct, lead manager Wood Gundy Inc. said. (KJUH 0755)

LONDON: Toronto Dominion Bank Ltd is issuing a 10 billion yen reverse dual currency Eurobond due May 25, 1994 paying 6.45 pct per annum in Australian dollars and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager New Japan Securities Ltd. said. (KJUK 0815)

LONDON: Elkem AS is launching a 100 mln dr Euro commercial paper programme, UBS Phillips and Drew Securities Ltd. said as arranger. (KJUK 0707)

Wolfsburg, West Germany: Volkswagen AG will ask shareholders at the annual meeting on July 13 to approve the issue of an 800 mln mark warrant bond, finance director Dieter Ulgeser said. (KJWA 0604)

Cape Town: A Nigerian state-owned municipal bank has issued a three-year bond worth 200 mln crowns - the first bond issue in Norway since the country reopened its domestic market to foreigners on Tuesday. (KQWC 1156)

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	100	98	95.50	NIUK IRON	115	110	110
ACC	308	307	306	GNFC	38	37	37	NAT INDEX	391.85		389.93
ACEM CENH	--	--	--	--	GRASIN	132.50	126	NIIPPON	38	37	38
ALW NIS	--	--	--	--	GSFC	142.50	140	NOCIL	852.50	830	830
ARI FAB	--	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	71	69	70	ORRAY	22.50	21
ASHOK LEY	82	80	81.50	GUJ HEAVY	12.25	11	13	OSVAL AGRO	76	80	83
ASIA PAINT	198.50	195	195	HEAR HONDA	27	25	26	PEICO	25	22	23
ATLAS COP	48	46	48	HIND CIBA	1050	1050	1000	PIFFZER	78	76	77
AUTO CORP	84	82	84	HIND COCOA	105	101.25	102.50	PONDS	192.50	187.50	190
BAJAJ AUTO	416.25	410	412.50	HIND MOTOR	82.25	81	81.50	PREH AUTO	57	55	54.50
BKR RAYON	455	440	440	HIND MOTOR	45.25	43	42.50	RANBAXY	116.25	113.75	116.25
BE BOND	150	145	147	HINDALCO	310	305	305	RAY WOOL	81	81	81
BLOM PLAST	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	REACTIV	195	185	190
BOM DYE	151	146	144.50	IND ORG	38	35	36.50	RELANCE	124.50	123	124
BSE INDEX	753.53	745	745.94	IND RAYON	99.50	96	94	SESA GDA	46	46	44
BURR WEL	205	192.50	200	INDRA	317.50	312.50	310	SHRI FIB	83	82.50	85
CANSHARE	--	180	190	INGERSOLL	150	335	340	SHRENS	75	75	74
CEN ENKA	2760	2700	2660	ITC	96.50	102.50	97.50	SBI	2870	2830	2800
CEN SPG	1840	1790	1840	KJ SYN	80	79	78	SPIC	58.50	56	56
COLGATE	333.75	331.25	328.75	KIM ENGH	180	72.50	75	ST MILLS	290	270	255
CORINT GRM	950	970	940	KIR CUMM	75	72.50	75	TATA CHEM	119	115	116.5
DCM	14	60	62.50	KSC PUMPS	380	363.75	360	TATA OIL	65	65	68.75
DEEP FERT	28.50	28	27	L AND T	92	92	90	TATA PON	345	340	337.5
DUNLOP	92.50	90	92.50	LIPTON	78	76	74	TELCO	835	820	820
EL HOTELS	56.50	56	55.50	MAC RUSSEL	110	107.50	112.50	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESQORTS	64.25	63	62.50	MAD COATS	100	98	100	TISCO	1410	1375	1367
ESKAYFE	133	135.75	130	MAHINDRA	102	101	100	VAM ORG	164	161	157
ESSAR-SPG	23.25	23	22	NAS SHARE	19	18.50	18.25	VARELI	32.50	30	32.50
FOOD SPL	200	192.50	196.25	NICO	620	610	605	VOLTAS	680	650	670
FORBES	49	46	46	MILKFOOD	--	250	255	WINCO	28	25	25.50
GAR ROLY	74	73.75	71.25	MOBI	107.50	105	103.75	ZENITH	64	64	64
GE SHIPPING	61.25	61	59.65	MRF LTD	435	430	415	ZUARI AGRO	62.50	60	57.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	PRICE	LAST	PER-CLOSE
100	100	100	100
ALCOA	215.25	215.25	215.25
ALUMINUM	176.00	176.00	176.00
AMERICAN	192.00	192.00	192.00
AMER. CO.	302.00	302.00	302.00
BAYER	302.00	302.00	302.00
BAYER HYP	373.00	368.50	368.50
BNC	378.75	373.00	373.00
CHFC	444.77	445.00	445.00
COMM	461.00	461.00	461.00
CONSUM	513.50	510.50	510.50
CORNING	250.00	250.00	250.00
CUMMINS	263.50	264.80	264.80
DANIEL	654.00	657.00	657.00
ELI	550.00	551.00	551.00
ELI LILLY	548.00	548.00	548.00
FREDERICK	323.50	323.50	323.50
IB BACCO	163.50	164.00	164.00
INDEPENDENT	357.50	357.50	357.50
ELIZABETH	354.00	357.00	357.00
LOUIS SCHWAB	391.00	391.00	391.00
HARPER	457.00	456.00	456.00
ROBERT AG	303.80	303.00	303.00
OESCH	244.00	243.50	243.50
ORTEL	259.20	260.00	260.00
STANLEY	552.00	561.00	561.00
ALSTALD	203.00	204.00	204.00
SARTZ	493.50	497.00	497.00
AUFHOF	469.00	469.00	469.00
LOCKE H	162.00	167.00	167.00
LOCKE H	168.50	170.00	170.00
IMBE	726.00	727.00	727.00
UFAHMAN	172.20	173.50	173.50
AM	288.50	290.20	290.20
ANNESMAN	232.00	233.10	233.10
PERCEDES	511.50	511.00	511.00
TALLGATES	424.00	426.00	426.00
IXOROF PY	310.00	309.00	309.00
ROSCHE HFD	46.20	46.60	46.60
WILLIAM	692.00	693.00	693.00
ROSCHE	691.00	698.00	698.00
REUSSAG	266.00	267.00	267.00
MASSA	290.00	291.00	291.00
HEINMETAL	425.00	431.00	431.00
ME P	243.50	243.00	243.00
ALAMANDER	331.50	332.00	332.00
CHERLING	644.00	646.00	646.00
ELI	314.00	312.00	312.00
EMENS	528.50	528.70	528.70
MYSEN	236.00	235.30	235.30
ARBA	381.00	378.00	378.00
FERA	295.00	295.50	295.50
LEV	169.50	169.50	169.50
LOUSAGEN	340.50	337.00	337.00

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
ANK EA	17.40	17.30
AVEN	10.10	10.00
AVENISH	405	405
AVEN K	11.40	11.30
AWA L-P	14.70	14.70
WIRNA L-R	730	735
VERGO IND	3.22	3.17
IT EAGLE	0	0
S INDEX	280.98	262.25
MECO	21	21
ANG LUNG	6.65	6.60
ENDERSON	6.85	6.80
K BANK	6.35	6.35
K ELEC	8.35	8.35
K GAS	20.90	21.10
K LAND	12.70	12.50
K TELECOM	5.45	5.45
K-S HOTEL	6.45	6.50
OPWELL	3.20	3.10
S BANK	25.90	25.80
UTSUN CHIN	12.30	12.20
YANSON DEV	1.72	1.70
BAR MATH	24.20	24.10
SH	14.60	14.40
IBUS	9.15	9.05
IBUS	189	187
INDARIN O	0	0
IBUS	9.45	9.15
IBUS	14.70	14.40
IBUS	1.51	1.51
IBUS	15.50	15.30
IBUS	3.17	3.27
IBUS	23.20	23.10
IBUS	5.75	5.70
IBUS	1.26	1.25
IBUS	12.20	12.20
IBUS	10.80	10.80
IBUS	5.35	5.30

TOTAL

STOCK	LAST PR	CLOSE		
AJITOMOTO	2790	2830	NISSUR CP	1640 1630
AKAI ELEC	808	816	NISSUR EL	1160 1160
AKI	1500	1470	NISSUR EST	2560 2560
ASARI GLS	2400	2410	NISSUR HWY	1130 1130
ASARI OPT	915	925	NISSUI CO	1180 1210
ASARI-DPS			NISSUKOSHI	2440 2440
BANK TOKYO	1660	1660	NISSUL EL	1010 1010
BRIDGESTON	1570	1570	NICHICON	1700 1700
CANON	1670	1700	NINON CMNT	1300 1290
CASIO COMP	1390	1420	NIKKO SEC	1870 1920
CHUGAI PHM	1590	1580	NIP ELEC	1830 1830
CITIZEN V	1090	1080	NIP KKKON	944 950
D-ICHI KAW	3380	3390	NIP OIL	1660 1650
DAI NIP IC	970	970	NIP STEEL	937 961
DAI NIP PT	2620	2620	NIP TENSEN	1080 1080
DAI NIP SC	1180	1160	NIS MOTOR	1570 1550
DAI NIP TO	1060	1050	NOMURA SEC	3410 3480
DAICEL	1150	1110	OWA CO	1690 1100
DAIWA	2100	2100	OLYMPUS	1310 1330
DAIWA SEC	2320	2380	OMITA OCH	1530 1630
DAIWA SEC	2050	2050	ONEWER	330 330
EISAI	1940	1940	RENOWN	1070 1070
FUJITSU	1480	1470	RICOH	1320 1340
FUJII BANK	3530	3460	SANKYO	2540 2590
FUJI PHOTO	3540	3580	SANYO ELEC	935 961
FUJISAWA	1770	1760	SEIYU ST	2120 2060
FUJITA CP	2080	2070	SEKISUI PB	1840 1830
HITACHI	1650	1660	SHARP	1330 1340
HONDA MOT	1960	1950	SHISEIDO	1680 1700
ISETAN	2350	2380	SONY	7020 7110
ITO YOKADO	3700	3710	SUNITOMO	1430 1420
JAP SYN RW	1330	1370	TAISEI	1780 1770
JAPAN AIR	16700	16400	TAISHO MRN	1420 1420
JAPAN MET	1120	1100	TAKEDA CH	2420 2460
KAJIMA	2290	2280	TEIJIN	925 930
KANSAI EL	5100	5070	TKO NEW IX	535.08 538.23
KAO SOAP	1680	1700	TOKIO MRN	2110 2110
KAWASAKI H	1050	1040	TOKYO ELEC	1260 1210
KAWASAKI S	1060	1060	TOKYO GAS	1140 1150
KIRIN BREW	1020	2030	TOKYO POWR	6360 6650
KOWATSU	1360	1360	TORAY IND	1050 1050
KUBOTA	1320	1310	TOSHIBA EL	1300 1310
KYOCERA	4810	4880	TOYO	2260 2270
NAKITA EL	1720	1730	TOYO KKOGEY	962 1000
NAUJI	2870	2870	TOYOTA MOT	2650 2690
NATSUTA EI	2470	2470	YANAHIA	1480 1480
NATSUTA EL	0	2660	YANAIICHI	1850 1860
NEIJI SEIK	1140	1160	YANAOUCHI	3430 3460
			YANAZAKI	1570 1620

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE MIXED IN LIGHT TRADE
 TOKYO, MAY 10, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED MIXED IN LIGHT
 TRADE. THE KEY NIKKEI INDEX WAS SLIGHTLY LOWER, GIVING UP
 EARLIER GAINS, DUE MAINLY TO SELLING LINKED TO UNWINDING OF
 INDEX-FUTURES ARBITRAGE POSITIONS IN THE AFTERNOON. THERE WAS
 ALSO LACK OF CONVICTION AMID UNCERTAINTY OVER INTEREST RATES.
 THE NIKKEI INDEX SLIPPED 39.52 POINTS, OR 0.12 PCT, TO
 CLOSE AT 33,992.33, ADDING TO TUESDAY'S 103.57-POINT LOSS.
 THE 225-SHARE INDEX ALSO ROSE 121.70 TO ITS HIGH 34,153.57 IN
 INITIAL TRADE, BUT FINISHED NEAR THE DAY'S LOW OF 33,988.23
 REACHING JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE. VOLUME WAS 900 MLN SHARES
 AGAINST TUESDAY'S ONE BILLION. (EXCHANGE CORRECTS INDEX).
 IN THE BROAD MARKET, FALLS EDGED RISES BY 482 TO 406 WITH
 204 ISSUES UNCHANGED.
 "THE CURRENT MARKET IS ROTATING FROM ONE SECTOR TO
 ANOTHER. IT IS GOOD FOR TRADING," SAID THE EQUITIES HEAD AT A
 FOREIGN SECURITIES FIRM.
 "INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE FAIRLY QUIET, INTERESTED IN
 WHETHER THERE WILL BE A DISCOUNT RATE HIKE," HE SAID.
 THE EQUITIES HEAD SAID A 0.5 PERCENTAGE POINT RISE IN THE
 RECORD LOW 2.5 PCT DISCOUNT RATE HAS ALREADY BEEN FULLY
 DISCOUNTED IN THE MARKET, WHILE A ONE PERCENTAGE POINT RISE
 HAS BEEN ABOUT 70 TO 80 PCT DISCOUNTED.
 BANK OF JAPAN GOVERNOR SATOSHI SUMITA SAID HE SEES
 NO MAJOR CHANGE IN PRICE TRENDS SO FAR, BUT THE BANK WILL PAY
 SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO FUTURE PRICE MOVES.
 ASKED AT A PARLIAMENTARY SESSION IF THE BANK WOULD BOOST
 THE DISCOUNT RATE SOON, SUMITA SAID IT WOULD TAKE NECESSARY
 MEASURES IF THE NEED ARISES TO ENSURE PRICE STABILITY.
 BROKERS SAID THIS HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON THE MARKET.
 "SUMITA HAS STATED MANY TIMES BEFORE THAT THEY ARE
 WATCHING PRICE TRENDS CLOSELY. IT SOUNDS LIKE HE IS PREPARING
 THE MARKET FOR A DISCOUNT RATE RISE," SAID A BROKER AT A MAJOR
 SECURITIES HOUSE.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, MAY 10, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER IN ACTIVE TRADE, REVERSING THE MARKET'S EARLIER LOSSES AND SUBJUDGED TONE.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 18.75 POINTS TO 3,280.98, RETRIEVING A MORNING LOSS OF 15.04 POINTS.

"IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THE MARKET'S CONSOLIDATION PHASE IS OVER AND THE MARKET IS POISED TO GO HIGHER," SAID HOWARD GORGES, A DIRECTOR OF SOUTH CHINA SECURITIES.

"YESTERDAY THERE WASN'T MUCH SELLING PRESSURE BUT WE SAW A LOT OF VOLUME," HE SAID. TURNOVER FELL TO 1.59 BILLION H.K. DLSR FROM 1.79 BILLION ON TUESDAY.

AMBIAN

	OPNG	CLSG		
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY			JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.41 2.50
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.			JOR PAPER CARDBRG	3.75 3.60
ARAB BANK			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.60 3.60
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.44	4.42	JOR PIPES MANUFAC	
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.79 1.72
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.08	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25 4.40
ARAB INT./INV/TRAD.	0.62	0.62	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	
ARAB INT./UNION INS			JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12 1.11
ARAB INTER./HOTELS			JOR SELPHO CHEM.	
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD			JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00 5.00
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.			JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91 0.91
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM			JOR. PETROLEUM REF	
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45 5.45
BANK OF JORDAN	15.09	15.09	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITNA			JORDAN GULF REAL	
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN DAIRY	
CAIRO AHWAN BANK	31.00	30.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.21 1.20
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS			JORDAN INSURANCE	
DAR ALDAWA DY/INV.			JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.			JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	JORDAN TANNING	2.05 2.06
GARAGE OWNERS OF	4.60	4.60	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71 0.71
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAXIN	0.78 0.81
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25	MACH/INSTRUMENTS	0.69 0.73
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10	MACH. PART. EXCHANGE	1.17 1.11
HIMENI WAREHOUSE	0.75	0.75	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.44 0.46
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	2.00 2.02
IND./MATCH JENCO			MINERALS INVEST CO	0.75 0.75
INDSTL DEVLPT BANK	1.63	1.65	NAT.FIN.INVEST CO	
INDSTRL/COMM/AGR.			NAT/CABLE/WIRE/WF	
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL ACHIA INS	1.33 1.30
INTERN.CO/INV	0.13	0.13	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97 0.96
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	NATIONAL STEEL	2.85 2.87
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	0.69	0.80	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	PETRA BANK	2.55 2.50
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET			PETRA CORP.INS.	0.35 0.35
JOR CEMENT FACTOR			PETROL. CO.INS.	1.10 1.11
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	PRECAST CONCRETE	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91 1.91
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			REAL ESTATE INV.	
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30	SHIPPING LINES	
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.			THE HOUSING BANK	1.85 1.90
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	UNITED INSURANCE	1.16 1.16
			UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	
			UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65 0.68
			WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85 0.85
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.30 1.30

PHILIPPINES MAKATT

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	94_50	95_00	97_50
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-B	.29	.30	.29
AKS-A	23.00	23.25	22.75	LC-B	.30	.31	.31
AKS	4.25	4.30	4.10	PK-A	.32	.33	.33
PLO	30.50	31.00	31.00	LC-B	.33	.34	.33
GRID	322.50	325.00	322.50	OIL SECTOR			
KPSI-A	3.75	3.80	3.70	BP-A	.014	.015	.015
KPSI-B	4.00			BP-B	.015	.016	.015
SHC-A	219.00	220.00	219.00	LRC-A	.0036	.0038	.0034
SHC-B	305.00	310.00	307.50	LRC-B	.0038	.004	.0036
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.046	.047	.047
APX-A	.018	.019	.018	OPW-B	.047	.049	.049
APX-B	.018	.019	.018	DV-A	.047	.048	.048
AT-A	46.00	46.50	45.00	DV-B	.05	.0525	.049

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	4,365,800	36,211,812.50	1,253.09	8.72 UP
MINING	167,639,870	37,019,565.00	5,396.31	42.90 DN
OIL	496,100,000	15,037,120.00	7.334	0.0653 UP
TOTAL	658,105,670	88,268,497.50	11,039.35	3.55 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	95.50	96.00	97.00		
SMC-A	220.00	221.00	219.00	BC-B	103.00	104.00	104.00		
SMC-B	305.00	310.00	305.00	LC-A	.30	.31	.30		
ST-TIRE	66.00	66.50	66.00	LC-B	.31	.32	.31		
PLSDT	322.50	325.00	322.50	ZIP	.013	.014	.013		
MINOR-A	4.30	4.35	3.80	OIL SECTOR					
AC-A	23.00	23.25	22.75	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
GLO	31.00	31.50	31.00	BP-A	.014	.015	.015		
FER-A	2.50	2.55	2.30	BP-B	.015	.016	.015		
FER-B	2.50	2.60	2.44	LRC-A	.0036	.0038	.0036		
				LRC-B	.0036	.004	.0036		
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPM-A	.066	.067	.067		
APX-A *	.018	.019	.018	OPM-B	.068	.069	.068		
APX-B *	.018	.019	.019	OV-A	.047	.048	.048		
AT-A	45.50	46.00	45.00	OV-B	.049	.05	.049		
AT-B	46.50	46.50	45.00	TA	.024	.025	.024		

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	11,370,520	62,582,945	1252.23	UP 7.51
MINING	356,690,200	25,766,675	5021.29	DN 48.58
OILS	962,300,000	29,509,300	7.857	UP 0.094
TOTAL	1,330,360,720	117,858,920	1044.01	UP 4.60

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	G KENT	8	KECK SENG	190	19
ADEF A			G LUMBER	150	15	KILLINGHAM	35
ADEF B			G TOMN		10	M CEMENT	180
AJINOWOTO			G H HDGS		10	M CONT	164
AMAL IND	115	11	GANDA HDG	46.5	4	M FEEDML	31
AMAL PROP	34.5	31	GEN CORP	83	85	M FLOOR	306
AMCOL	191	19	GENTING	590	59	M GLASS	308
BKRJAYA	138	13	GOLD COCN	205	20	M HART	8
BOURJEA	151	15	SSI	140	13	M UTD IND	266
CARLSBERG	560	55	GUINNESS	388	38	M UTD MFG	118
COCH			GULA		28	M'SHITA	690
CORBERBOS	550	54	GUTHRI	48.5	4	M'HATA	105
CHEH IND	312	31	GUTHRIE R	131	13	MAGNUM	294
CHONG STOR	452	45	H L IND.	242	24	MALEX IND	38
CHOW IND	372	37	HARIMAU	112	11	MULPHAIND	46.5
C'S HDGS	51	5	HAW PAR	328	33	MULTIPUR	107
CKH	510	51	I INCINACE	580	55	MURATA100	
CLINIS BHD	146	14	INNO-PAC	156	15	N ST TIME	356
COITA CON	----	2	INNOVEST	118	12	NB TIMBER	110
CUTCHABAY			INSAS	47.5	4	PERLIS	605
CUTCHABAY			INTRACO	290	29	ROTH IND	207
CUTCHABAY			J ENGRG	330	32	ROTHMAN M	74
CUTCHABAY			J SHIPYARD	605	59	S PACIFIC	32
CUTCHABAY			JACKS LTD	172	17	S PRESS F	700
CUTCHABAY			J C ENT	121	11	S PRESS F	720
CUTCHABAY			J C-IPCH	134	13	S SHIP	466
CUTCHABAY			JORHAN HDG	47	4	S'MANG H	195
CUTCHABAY			K G HDGS		11	SARANDA	170
CUTCHABAY			K KELLAS		11	SATERAS	57
CUTCHABAY			KAMUNTING	100	99	STA	1370
CUTCHABAY			KE SANG		10	ST TRADG	392

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE MARGINALLY HIGHER
SINGAPORE, MAY 10, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED MARGINALLY HIGHER IN MODERATE TRADING, BROKERS SAID.
A 25-CENT RISE IN INCHCAPE HELPED THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX TO CLOSE 0.10 POINT HIGHER AT 1,280.67.
THE INDEX FELL 5.11 TO 119.11 AT MIDDAY.
TURNOVER SLIPPED TO 97.1 MILLION SHARES FROM TUESDAY'S 120.3 MILLION.
M.L.M. FALLS LEAD RISES BY 135 TO 74.
BROKERS SAID PRICES FELL ACROSS THE BOARD IN THE MORNING ON WIDESPREAD PROFIT-TAKING FOLLOWING AN OVERNIGHT FALL ON WALL STREET, BUT LATE BUYING INTEREST AND BARGAIN HUNTING SAW PRICES RECOVER MOST OF THEIR EARLY LOSSES.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	0.980	0.990	0.990	0.980	710000	20
-GULF BANK	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	10000	1
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.285	0.285	0.285	0.285	10000	1
-ABLI BANK	0.335	---	---	---	---	---
-B.K.N.E	0.335	---	---	---	---	---
-K.R.E.B.	0.340	---	---	---	---	---
-BURGAN BANK	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.HOUSE	0.480	0.490	0.490	0.485	300000	15
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.095	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
-CON.FACILITIES	0.420	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.043	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.085	---	---	---	---	---
-NATIONAL INV.	0.065	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT PROJECTS.	0.081	0.082	0.082	0.082	240000	4
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.590	0.590	0.590	0.590	7500	1
-GULF INSURANCE	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.340	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KWT R. EST. CO.	0.124	---	---	---	---	---
-UNI R. EST. CO.	0.056	---	---	---	---	---
-NAT R. EST. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
-SALAHIA R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-KWT IND. CO.	0.500	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT N.P. IND.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-N.A.M.-Y.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	0.980	---	---	---	---	---
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.176	---	---	---	---	---
-CONT.MARINE	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
-K.SH.REP.CO	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.138	0.140	0.140	0.140	120000	5
-CDH.MKT.CHEM.	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-MOBILE TELP.	0.300	0.305	0.300	0.300	770000	19
-KWT COMPUTER	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTD FISHERIES	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
-UNTD POULTRY	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-KWT FOODS	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.063	---	---	---	---	---
-BHN.N.EAST.BK	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	80000	1
-COAST INVEST.	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-A.G.INV.GROP.	0.032	---	---	---	---	---
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.550	---	---	---	---	---
-BHN.KUM.GROP	0.078	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF MEDICAL.	0.033	---	---	---	---	---

ZÜRICH

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR N	1060	1060
BAER HDGS	11000	11100	OE BUEHR N	390	385
BAILOISE PS	2425	2450	OE BUEHR P	345	345
BBC I A	3450	3435	ROCHE BABY	16025	16000
BK LEU I	2850	2875	ROCHE I	70000	68000
BK LEU N	2400	2425	RUECKVER I	10450	10525
BK LEU PS	335	342	RUECKVER M	7850	7875
CFV	0	1150	RUECKVER P	1620	1655
CIB GEIG I	3525	3490	RY TR BK	1060	1070
CIB GEIG N	2910	2890	S BNKGLS I	3115	3135
CIB GEIG P	2780	2780	S BNKGLS N	655	660
CKW	0	1300	S BNKGLS P	111.50	111.00
CRED SUJ I	2530	2555	S BNKVRN I	304	309
CRED SUJ N	535	540	S BNKVRN N	277	280
EG LAUFEN	0	1650	S BNKVRN P	274	276
ELEKTROWAT	2825	2825	SANDOZ I	10950	11000
EMS CHEM I	4450	4425	SANDOZ N	9025	9075
GLOBUS I	5725	5800	SANDOZ P	1985	1975
GLOBUS N	0	6000	SULZER N	5400	5400
GLOBUS PS	1000	1005	SULZER PS	420	429
JACOBS S I	7025	7050	SVB	1750	1750
JACOBS S N	1350	1380	SUISSEAIR	1015	1005
JACOBS S P	600	600	SWISSAIR N	915	915
JELM I	2380	2385	W THUR I	4500	4575
JELM PS	332	330	W THUR N	3675	3705
LANDIS N	1240	1265	W THUR PS	730	730
LANDIS PS	110.00	110.00	ZURICH I	4800	4810
MERCK I	757	759	ZURICH N	4050	4060
			ZURICH PS	1950	1955

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDR	12-7/8 5/8	12-3/4 5/8	12-15/16 7/8
FFT	6.30	6.67/5	6.80/50
PAR	8-1/4 3/8	8-9/16 11/16	8-3/4 7/8
ZUR	6-3/8 6-5/8	7-1/8 7-3/8	7 7-1/4
BRX	4.20	8-1/8 3/16	8-3/8 1/2
ROM	12-1/8 12-1/2	12-12/12	12-1/4 12-3/4
AHS	6.94/06	7.12/22	7.33/43
TOK	4.4/52 6/32	4.20/32 22/32	4.27/32 29/32
EDU	8.25 8.50	8.43 8.56	8.75 8.87

Inflation soars

Italy defeats no-confidence vote

ROME, May 10, (Reuters): Italy's fragile five-party government closed ranks yesterday to throw out a no-confidence motion brought by the opposition Communist Party in protest against its economic policies.

The government of Christian Democratic Prime Minister Ciriaco de Mita defeated the motion in the Chamber of Deputies (lower house) by 329 votes to 219, parliamentary officials said.

The victory for the government came a day before a four-hour general strike called by trade unions in protest against unpopular charges for health care introduced by De Mita as part of a drive to combat Italy's huge public deficit.

The no-confidence vote forced the squabbling parties in De Mita's coalition into a show of unity despite deep divisions, especially over economic policy, and is likely temporarily to revive his faltering administration.

Most politicians believe the government is unlikely to survive beyond elections for the European parliament in June, but the ruling parties, especially De Mita's Socialist arch-rivals, appear to have decided they want to avoid a crisis before the poll.

Summing up the debate for the opposition, Communist Party leader Achille Occhetto accused the government of inefficiency and confusion.

De Mita replied that the no-confidence motion was meaningless and the general strike, promoted by the communists, was an inappropriate way to express opposition to the health charges.

The Italian inflation rate has recently soared noticeably reaching 6.7 per cent against an expected rate of five per cent, official figures indicated today.

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29098	0.29213
Sterling	0.48590	0.48800
Dm.	0.15281	0.15346
S. fr.	0.17227	0.17306
F. fr.	0.04525	0.04545
It. lira	0.0002097	0.0002107
Japan yen	0.0021674	0.0021768
Bh. dinar	0.77183	0.77509
UAE dh.	0.07921	0.07765
S. riyal	0.07758	0.07790
Q. riyal	0.07990	0.08029
O. riyal	0.73559	0.75007

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, May 10. (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	9	9-1/2
3 months	9	9-1/2
6 months	8-7/8	9-3/8
1 year	8-7/8	9-5/16

Despite Walesa plea

Copper miners' stoppage continues

WARSAW, May 10. (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa made a new appeal to Polish workers yesterday to stop striking but efforts to end a four-day-old copper miners' walkout failed.

"We will not rebuild Poland with strikes," the trade union leader told steelworkers shortly before flying to Strasbourg to receive a human rights award at the European Parliament.

The government expressed concern about the strikes at four copper mines in south-west Poland, saying they could disturb a fragile political pact between the government and opposition.

Flights at Warsaw airport were delayed up to 45 minutes by a go-slow of air traffic controllers demanding higher pay and better equipment to improve flight safety.

Appeal

Walesa made his appeal at a Warsaw steel mill campaign rally for next month's parliamentary elections in which the opposition is running for the first time since 1947.

He said all Poles had the right to demand more money but the priority was to change the communist-dominated political system that had led Poland into poverty.

"Let's postpone these (strike) actions for a while and make a hierarchy of goals and follow this schedule," he said.

However, the miners in the south-west reached a new deadlock with management in a dispute that has halted all copper extraction in Poland since Thursday.

Representatives of the strikers said by telephone that management backed out at the last minute from signing an agreement granting a 50 per cent pay rise.

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US industry seeks aid for high-definition TV

WASHINGTON, May 10, (AP): The US electronics industry yesterday released a plan proposing more than \$1.3 billion in government aid to help the United States catch up in the race to develop high-definition television technology.

But Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher said US manufacturers shouldn't depend on the United States to bankroll the effort.

High-definition television, which offers the promise of sharper, brighter and wider pictures, is expected to be in full operation in Japan by the mid-1990s, while US industry has barely begun testing the technology.

Pat Hill Hubbard, vice-president of the American Electronics Association, told a

Senate Committee that if the United States fails to catch up, "The effects on our economy may be drastic" and would adversely affect a range of industries such as semiconductors, software and automated manufacturing equipment.

"We must gain an industry to retain many industries," she said.

The association released a proposal developed by the Boston Consulting Group calling for \$500 million in low-interest loans and 500 million in loan guarantees for US companies that join together to manufacture and market the television technology.

The plan also proposes \$300 million over three years for the Defense Department to promote high-definition TV

research by private companies and another 50 million for related work on prototypes and testing at the Commerce Department. The proposal calls for matching investments and initiatives from interested businesses.

"For America to re-enter consumer electronics and to build a successful ATV (advanced television) industry will take extraordinary measures and unprecedented co-operation between industry and government," Ms Hubbard told the Senate Commerce Committee.

Mosbacher, testifying earlier at the same hearing, said the administration had not decided on its role in fostering the technology, but said he had "serious doubts about throwing money at the

problem."

It's got to be that the private sector will still take the lead.

Competitiveness

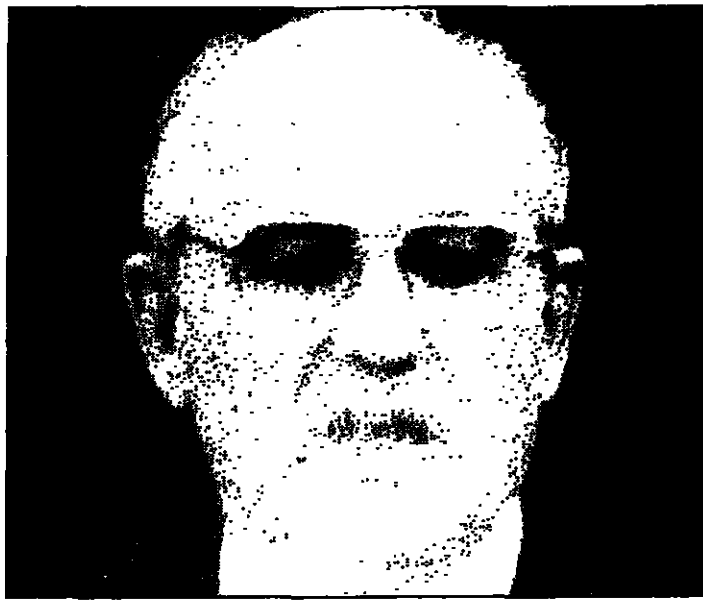
Mosbacher reiterated previous statements that the administration of President George Bush hopes to promote America's industrial competitiveness by extending research and development tax credits and reducing the capital gains tax rate.

He also said the administration is considering easing antitrust restrictions to allow US companies to work together to develop new technologies.

"They've got to know that they're not going to be cut off at the knee by not being backed as far as policy and continuity," Mosbacher said.

Meeting likely to ease nearly 30 years of hostility

Sino-Soviet trade to rise after summit



Mikhail Gorbachev

BEIJING, May 10, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Beijing next week will spur bilateral trade, but diplomats and traders say the Soviet Union will remain far behind the West as a trading and investment partner of China.

During his trip, Gorbachev and China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping are due to hold the first summit between the two communist giants since 1959. The meeting is expected to ease nearly 30 years of hostility.

The diplomats and traders said Gorbachev's visit would remove the last political obstacles but could not overcome poor quality, bureaucracy, inadequate transport and the lack of a convertible currency in both countries.

The Soviet Union fell from being China's top economic partner in the 1950s to fifth in terms of trade and behind all Western industrialised countries in terms of investment in 1988.

Goods

Chinese department stores are full of Hong Kong, Japanese and Taiwanese consumer goods but few Soviet-made items are seen.

Trade has followed politics. The Sino-Soviet split in the early 1960s caused trade to drop sharply, bottoming out in 1969, the year of the worst border incident, and rising as political relations gradually improved in the 1980s.

Last year, according to Chinese figures, it was worth \$3.26 billion, three per cent of China's total trade. While direct investment was small, the Soviet Union signed contracts to build or renovate 20 Chinese factories.

"Gorbachev badly needs peace with China for many reasons," said an East European diplomat. "One is that China can supply the Soviet Far East with goods cheaper than anyone else, even European Russia."

"Another is access to the China market. Chinese firms prefer Japanese or Western technology but many cannot afford it. There are many potential market shares for the Soviets."

A fourth railway, through the remote west China region of Xin-

jiang, is due for completion in 1990.

Both countries try to sell goods for hard currency — another problem as this leaves only poorer quality goods for each other. Bilateral trade is conducted in barter, with no money changing hands.

A third problem is the two countries' bureaucratic systems, which make quick business decisions difficult and allocate much production to their own overall state plans.

A Soviet source said trade would only increase in goods in which the two countries have competitive advantage — Soviet steel, lumber, fertiliser and some industrial minerals and Chinese foodstuffs, textiles and light industrial goods.

"If they can find the money, factory directors in both countries prefer imports from non-socialist countries, whatever directives from Moscow and Beijing may say," he said.

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Queen hails Nigerian economic policy

LONDON, May 10, (AP): Britain's Queen Elizabeth II praised Nigerian President Gen Ibrahim Babangida last night for his "courageous and determined" policy of economic reconstruction and commitment to restoring democracy.

At a state banquet at Buckingham Palace honouring Babangida and his wife, Maryam, the Queen announced that Prince Charles and Princess Diana would visit Nigeria sometime next year.

She said Babangida had set about putting Nigeria's economy on a firm footing "in a courageous and determined way" and Britain was glad to have played some part in measures taken by the international community in support of his effort.

"That community applauds your commitment to restoring democratically-elected government in Nigeria through the transition programme which is already under way," the Queen said.

Under Babangida's timetable, Nigeria is expected to elect a civilian president in October 1992. The last civilian government under President Shehu Shagari was overthrown by the Army on Dec 31, 1983.

Visit

Babangida, making his first visit outside Africa since he took power in a bloodless military coup in August 1985, thanked Britain for its support during Nigeria's period of painful economic adjustment.

"When we emerge from this difficult period we are confident that the bonds between our two countries will become even stronger," he said.

Babangida, who is expected to press for sanctions against South Africa during talks today with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, noted that there were still some areas of major conflict in the world including the Middle East and South Africa.

The Nigerian leader presented the Queen with the Grand Star of Nigeria and a painting and gave her husband, Prince Philip, a carved wooden desk set.

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Team winds up visit

Nepal to promote trade with Dhaka

KATHMANDU, Nepal, May 10, (AP): A Tibetan trade delegation has concluded a nine-day visit to Nepal, promoting trade with the landlocked country now suffering severe fuel and medicine shortages because of a trade embargo by India.

Also yesterday, Bangladeshi sources said Nepal is seeking additional supplies of petroleum, medicine and sugar from Bangladesh.

The seven-member Tibetan delegation, whose visit ended yesterday, discussed possible imports of rice, beaten rice, flour, sugar, butter and fruit from Nepal, and exports of light industrial products and other consumer goods, said Nepalese sources on condition of anonymity.

Nepal, bordered on three sides by India and on one side by the autonomous Chinese region of Tibet, has been suffering shortages of fuel, salt, medicine, and other necessities since India, its

main trading partner, virtually stopped trade following a dispute on renewing a bilateral trade agreement that expired March 23.

Ties

India was reportedly concerned about Nepal's growing trade ties and weapons purchases from China, India's chief rival in the region. Nepal, with a population one-fifth that of India, reportedly bought anti-aircraft weapons from China last fall.

Chinese fuel trucks began delivering oil over the mountainous Lhasa-Kathmandu highway last week to alleviate Nepal's severe fuel shortage.

Bangladesh, with a per capita annual income of \$160 is itself an importer of petroleum, sugar and medicine.

Nepal, whose per capita income is \$150, has been seeking new trading partners since its

trade and transit treaties with India expired March 23. While the two countries haggle over treaty terms, India has closed 13 of 15 official border crossing points.

Meanwhile, Nepal's Finance Minister Bharat Bahadur Pradhan visited Beijing this week to promote bilateral trade at the fifth session of the Nepal-China inter-governmental economic and trade committee.

Pradhan said in a press conference before he left for China that Nepal needed to diversify its trade since it "proved to be not wise to depend on a single source only," referring to India. India's share in Nepal's imports has fallen from 80 per cent 15 years ago to about 40 per cent over the past two years.

Pradhan said that the loss of goods and services to the country's economy because of the economic blockade would be about \$75 million in three months' time.

US economy slowing to sustainable growth rate

Inflation likely to stabilise

WASHINGTON, May 10, (Reuters): The US economy is slowing to a sustainable growth rate of around three per cent, but another month or two of poor inflation data could lie ahead, White House chief economic adviser Michael Boskin said yesterday.

He told the National Association of Manufacturers that inflation, which picked up markedly in the first quarter, was likely to stabilise and start falling later this year.

But because increases in crude oil prices had not yet been reflected fully at the petrol pump, Boskin added, "we may see another bumpy month or two" of inflation. Figures on April producer prices are due to be released on Friday.

Recent evidence on home building, retail sales and employment suggested that the economy was slowing from its brisk 1988 growth rate of 3.9 per cent to the 3.0 per cent range, he said.

Pace

"Our best guess ... is that the economy is slowing to a pace consistent with solid, sustained growth," Boskin said.

A senior Federal Reserve official agreed that the sharp rise in interest rates over the past year was finally taking some steam out of the economy.

"The economy seems to have slowed," Donald Kohn, director of monetary affairs at the central bank, told the manufacturers' group.

Kohn, the Fed's top staff member, said even if growth slowed to less than 2.5 per cent to

3.0 per cent — the maximum rate many economists believe is possible without mounting price pressures — inflation would remain fairly high for a while.

"We could be in for a period of mild stagflation," Kohn said. In economics jargon, stagflation refers to a stagnation of the economy accompanied by inflation.

Boskin painted a broadly similar economic outlook in much more positive tones, saying there was no reason whatsoever why the expansion, now in its seventh year and already the longest in peacetime, cannot continue for a substantial time.

Kohn, too, said there was no sign of a recession.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Boskin was relatively relaxed about the recent rise in the dollar. He called it modest rather than enormous.

Rise

But he said a statement issued on April 2 by the Group of Seven industrial nations, which opposed a rise in the dollar that undermined the adjustment of global trade imbalances as well as an excessive decline in the currency, was still valid.

"The G-7 communiqué was quite clear," Boskin said. He attributed the currency's strength to confidence in the Bush administration's policies, especially its determination not to permit inflation to get out of hand.

The dollar has shrugged off central bank selling this week to reach eight-month highs of almost 1.92 West German marks and 135 Japanese yen.

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Mamta shines in Bin Baati Ke ...

By Nirmala Janssen
Arab Times staff

VISHAKA is a blind woman, not just in a physical sense but also blindly in love with her husband, Shiv who pulls the wool over her eyes, figuratively speaking of course, and stoops to the low level of taking away her name, fame and self-respect.

Vishaka and Shiv are the main players in Dr Shankar Shesh's play 'Bin Baati Ke Deep' (Flame without a wick) which was very ably directed by Dr Rakesh Asthana for Kuwait's audiences.

The play is basically a story of deceit by a husband (a failed poet) who is obsessed with fame and money and does not hesitate to steal it from his blind playwright wife.

Aided

Vishaka (Mamta Tomar) dictates all her novels to her husband Shiv (Rakesh Asthana) who does not only get them printed in his name but also tries to make sure that his wife will never see again, aided and abetted by his beautiful but poor secretary Manju (Anshu Sharma). The secretary hopes that one day her relationship with her boss/lover would be legalised upon the death of Vishaka.

Into this tightly knit web of deceit walks Major Anand (Prakash Navani), an old college-mate of both Shiv and Vishaka. At first the Major gets taken in by the stories of Shiv's self-sacrifice but when things don't seem above board he does his own bit of investigating and comes up shocked to find that the real martyr in the relationship is Vishaka. Anand is also a bachelor who proposes marriage to Manju with irritating frequency only to find out that she has other aspirations.

Meanwhile, another playwright, Natwarlal (Umesh Chandra Sharma) narrates a play and much to Shiv's chagrin he finds out the story is really that of Vishaka, Manju and himself.

Vishaka is convinced by Major Anand to get her eyes



From left: Rakesh Asthana, Mamta Tomar and Anshu Sharma in the play 'Bin Baati Ke Deep'.

checked at a military hospital in Simla. When she returns, she confronts Shiv with the truth, pretending all the time that her sight has been restored. As a typical Indian woman she begrudges him nothing and holds her husband hostage to her blindness.

Drama

Mamta Tomar as the blind Vishaka was superb throughout although the role of Manju as the eventual conscience of Shiv could have been meatier.

What should have been a crisp drama was perhaps spoiled by the fact that it was dragged out into three acts when really two would have sufficed. Long drawn out conversations eventually bored the audience a little bit.

Prakash Navani as the Major played his part with gusto, a happy-go-lucky military man who is terribly affected by deceit especially as he is so upright and honourable.

Umesh Chandra Sharma as

Natwarlal provided quite a bit of comic relief with his slipping in and out of Hindi and English and his literal translations kept the audience in titters from time to time.

Rakesh Asthana as the con-

vincing, two-timing husband was rather subdued, hardly the

hard-hearted crook he should have been. Maybe Rakesh should have left the anti-hero role to someone else. Bin Baati was a good evening of entertainment for Hindi/Urdu speaking expatriates. A shorter more dramatised version would have made it excellent.

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9.15 Cartoons
9.45 Tum Tuck Wal Atfal:
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10.00 The World via Satellite
10.30 Magazine D'Actualite
10.45 Cultural Film
11.45 Walt Disney: children
Film
12.15 Rihab Al Tariya
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World via Satellite
1.45 Varieties
2.30 Riyadh Fi OsBou'
(Weekly Sports
Programme)
4.45 Sherlock Holmes: Car-
toon Serial
5.15 Liq' Al Khamis
7.00 Min El Fan Al Shabi
7.30 Cultural Film
8.30 Ma' Al Islam
9.00 Arabic News
9.45 Variety
10.30 Al Police Al Nisai:
Arabic Feature Film,
Starring Iham Sha-
heen, Hala Sodq,
Dalal Abdul Aziz, and
Imad Rashad
12.30 Ikharna Lakom
1.15 News Summary
1.20 The World Via
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FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.45 Majalat Al Atfal (Chil-
dren Magazine)
10.15 Fayer Al Toosh:
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11.00 Al Hadith Al Mawd-
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Programme
11.15 Friday Prayers
12.30 Al Wan: Variety
Programme: Written
by Mohammed Saeed
Al Fares
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World via Satellite
2.00 Nahno Asdiqa'ok
2.30 Looking for Adventure
Cultural Film
3.15 Cartoons
3.45 Nakhuda: Indian
Film; Starring Kul
Bhushan, Karbanda
6.00 Kuwait In A Week:
documentary
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Varieties
7.45 Al Osra: Local
Programme
8.45 Hadeeth Al Osbou':
Presented By Ali Al
Jassar

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9.00 News in Arabic
9.40 Varieties
9.45 Wrestling
10.30 Hikaya Ma'a Al No-
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Layla Murad
11.30 News Summary
11.35 The World via Satellite
12.00 Holy Quran and
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KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement
and Holy Quran
6.10 Denver: A cartoon series
for children
6.30 The New Mickey Mouse
Club
7.00 Munsters Today:
"Magna". Herman's
wife suspect his unusual
behaviour and attempts
to find out her hus-
band's secret...

7.30 "T N T: 'Slow Away'".
A young boy seeks the
help of the vessel's cap-
tain to take him on a trip
around the world... But
the vessel is detained for
smuggling weapons!!

8.00 News in English
8.30 Beauty and the Beast:
"A Fair and Perfect ...
Michael, a young
intelligent and talented
student, from the Neth-
erworld is admitted to
university with Kath-
erine's help... Thereaf-
ter, he plans to leave his
netherworld ...

9.30 Paul Daniel's Show: A
variety of magic acts,
sports and illusions
10.30 Movie: "Lightship".
Three criminals attempt
to capture a sea guard
pilot vessel. Its captain is
murdered after he does
his best to defend his
vessel... His son and the
crew has to face the
criminals and save their
vessel

12.30 News in Brief
12.45 Magazine d'Actualite

FRIDAY
4.00 Opening announcement
and Holy Quran
4.10 Centurions: A cartoon
series for children
4.30 Italian Football



T N T, tonight at 7.30 pm on KTV 2

5.30 American Basketball
6.30 Inter Bang Eps:
"Appointment in
Rome". Gianni and
Brono discover that
even the fountains are
slow

7.00 Startrek: "Conspiracy".
Quinn, a captain of a
spaceship, asks for an
appointment to meet
Luke the captain of
Enterprise...

8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away. Re-
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carried out by the Tour-
istic Enterprises Com-
pany (TEC) in various
parts of Kuwait.

8.45 Big League Soccer.
(English Soccer)
9.30 The Charmings. Lilian,
the witch, continues her
plots against Erick and

his wife
Tales from the Dark-
side: "I'll Give You a
Million". An old man
purchases the soul of his
old friend... but the lat-
ter decides to stop the
deal against payment of
one million dollars to his
friend...

10.30 Blue Blood. Pilot Eps. A
son of a wealthy and
influential family
returns to Germany
after a long absence in
Africa... His uncle asks
him to find his secretary
who disappeared with
important documents...

12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine d'Actualite

Please note that pro-
grammes and timings are
liable to change without
notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednes-
day, 8-9 pm only. Natural his-
tory exhibits from in and
around Kuwait, including blue
whale. Closed on Thursday and
Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12
noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm.
Collection includes rare
Islamic artefacts, Quranic
manuscripts, ceramics, carpets
and marine equipment.
Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12
noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits
include bedouin handicrafts—
rugs, saddle bags, cushions and
textiles. Closed on Friday.

Bangladeshi Art Show
MAY 12-27: Bangladeshi
artist Monirul Islam will show
45 paintings at the Kuwait
National Museum. Islam's
paintings revolve around the
life of Bangladeshis. Land-
scapes are also on show. The
exhibition will be open from
8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to
7.30 pm. It has been organised
by the Bangladesh Association.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
KUWAIT Singers present
"Stage Struck" an evening of
show songs from Broadway
and the West End at Gulf En-
glish School, Salwa on Wednes-
day 24th May and Thursday
25th May at 8.00 pm. Price
KD3 to include refreshments.
For reservations please phone
5317433/5384873.

Geet and Gazals
MAY 19: A musical
programme "Bhooley Baisay
Geet Gazals" is to take place
at Sharq auditorium. They are
also on the lookout for singers
to participate in this
programme. Those interested
may contact: Anwar H.
Abdulla—3989111 ext. 6811:8
am - 3 pm.

SOCIAL

May Queen
MAY 11: Kuwait Goans will
hold a May Queen function at
Messiah Beach Hotel with Top
Ranks and Next of Kin in
attendance. The cream of the
evening will be provided by
Alexander Rosario, the singing
sensation from Goa. For
details contact 2413348/
4881387.

India Day
MAY 11-12: Various groups
and organisations of Indians

living in Kuwait have joined to
project cultural evenings and
entertainments apart from
exhibiting the local materials of
the regions and to show live
demonstrations in the Kalamam
(Tamil Nadu) and others, at the
Bneid Al Gar Sea Club. Foods
of special nature of different
sectors of India will also be
available. For further details
contact 5331456, 4898891,
264863, 5678762 or 4881387.

Remo's Show
MAY 11: The Expatriates
Club will hold a dinner-musical
at the SAS Hotel. Remo,
India's pop-star will be the star
performer and Expatriate
Queen will be crowned. City
Limits and Perfect Strangers in
attendance. For details call
Tony 2415439; Wilson—
3918905 (office hours); Val—
5614506 after 2 pm.

**German-speaking
Cultural Association**
MAY 14, 10 am: Due to the
Eid holiday, the next coffee
morning for the German-
speaking ladies will be held on
Sunday at the Holiday Inn
Hotel. All are welcome.

Danish Coffee Morning
MAY 14: Daniela invites all
Danish ladies for coffee morn-
ing at the Dana Restaurant,
May 14, 9.30 am. For reserva-
tions call Ingelise—3713670;
Marianne—3720182 ext 29.

Musical evening
MAY 17: (8.30 pm), The Phil
Thomas Sextet and Karl and
Christine Anderson with their
band present an evening of
British and American jazz, rock
and pop music at the Holiday
Inn. For reservations contact:
5629452/4834938/5387998.

Ex-Tho get-together
MAY 18: Roorkee Univer-
sity Alumni Association will
have a family get-together. For
details contact tele. 2551305 or
5631325.

Casuals Cricket Club
MAY 18: 8 pm, Messiah
Beach Hotel. Annual dinner
with special guest speaker
Brian Close CBE, former cap-
tain of England and Yorkshire.
Courtesy of British Airways.
Live music. For tickets and
information call Simon
Clements (53333248) or Val
Tudball (5327159).

Konkani drama
MAY 18-19: Indian Arts
Circle, Funaites. MAR
Productions presents Konkani
drama: "Noshibacho Divo
Paloulo", directed by Prem
Kumar. Gate passes available
at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

Kuwait Caledonians
MAY 18: Messiah Beach
Hotel. The Caledonians will
hold a "celebration" (gathering)
with entertainment by John
Carmichael and others. Tel:
5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

Summer Bazaar
MAY 19: 2.00 pm, St Pauls
Ahmadi, grand summer
Bazaar at the new British Con-
sulate in the British Embassy
grounds. Sale of hand-made
paperbacks, preserves, good as
new, plants, bottle stall, white
elephant, numerous fun side
shows etc. Plus prize draw for
British Airways round trip
ticket Kuwait-London, Delhi,
Madras or Karachi.

Arabian Nights
MAY 19th, "Arabian Nights"
evening at the Jawhara Night-
club, Messilah Beach Hotel.
Dress: Middle-Eastern of past
or present. 20 costume prizes.
Tel.: 4847461, 2418017,
4846843 ext. 4515, or leave
message on 2614201.

ACT play
MAY 16-18: ACT presents a
play by Raymond Briggs,
"When the Wind Blows" at the
Mousetrap Theatre in Jabriya
at 8 pm both days. For reserva-
tions call: 5620332, 4-8 pm.

Jukebox 5
MAY 23-25: The Sounds
Great production of Jukebox 5,
will be presented at the Sal-
miyah Cinema at 8 pm and also
at 5 pm on May 25. For reserva-
tions ring 5740256/7 (mornings
and 4 to 7 pm) or 5718143 or
5731782. Tickets will be on sale
at Salmiyah Cinema Box Office
from May 14.

Nomads Oval Ball
MAY 25 (Thursday):
Nomads Oval Ball at Holiday
Inn hotel. Formal dress; 7.30
pm start. Guest speaker from
UK. Music and buffet dinner.
Limited number of tickets
available. For details call Gra-
ham Adams—5644533; Hugh
McAree 5326328.

Get-together
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club
will be having a get-together at
the Ramada Al-Salem Hotel
from 11 am onwards with Step-
ping Stone and Symphony in
attendance. For details contact
Raju 2412970.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
SWIMMING lessons have
commenced which is available
for non members. Mondays (6
to 7 pm) separate ladies and
men fit classes with Steve and
Chris Hill.

Saturdays and Wednesdays
(5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and
Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed
aerobics, with Touni Pakasalo.
Saturdays and Tuesdays
yoga (7 to 8 pm).

Bowling alley available for
company tournaments. Sun-
days squash handcap tourna-
ment, all standards wel-
come... Tennis coaching availa-
ble for non-members.
Additional facilities availa-



Meridien International challenge prize

Hotel Meridien Kuwait recently won the International Challenge Prize of Meridien Chain of Hotels for its highest number of outside reservations made to Meridien Hotels world-wide during the first quarter of 1989. Picture shows the reception staff of Hotel Meridien Kuwait with Fahd Abushar, resident manager, and Farid Tello, front office manager.

ble under the supervision of
selective professionals: loss of
weight, body building, massage
(steam, oil, and cream) for
ladies and men. For details con-
tact the recreation department,
Tel. 4742000, ext. 6788/6700.

At the Holiday Inn
AT the Coffee Shop: A sum-
ptuous buffet for lunch or din-
ner. Half price per child.

At the Vienna Cafe: Delecta-
ble... luscious cakes and pas-
tries, served with coffee, tea and
juices with the Gharibian Trio
providing music.

At Al Andalus: Family
brunch—a wholesome day for
the family. Entertainment
includes Walt Disney cartoon
characters plus performance
from the great magician. Let
your kids enjoy every minute of
the day. Delicious mouth
watering food and a variety of
desserts.

At the swimming pool: It's a
great night out by the pool,
starting at 8.00 pm. Barbecue,
music, games, prizes and sur-
prises awaits each one. Bring
your family and friends and
savor our delicious shazard
barbecue. Come all... and
enjoy the start of our barbecue
season.

At the Kuwait Plaza
TRADITIONAL Arabic
music: The famous oud player,
Fawzi Jamal entertains Plaza
guests at the Noura Terrace
with traditional Arabic music.
He also sings the most known
and celebrated songs of the

good old days.
International music: Italian,
Eastern and American music
played at Marcopolo res-
taurant. The new duo 'Stan n
Alice' are renowned for their
versatility. Their music
includes Russian jazz, pop,
light rock. For reservations
contact, 2438800, ext. 760

First Kuwait gourmet shop:
A unique opportunity to try all
sorts of Kuwaiti delicacies and
Middle Eastern sweets, contact
2438800, ext. 757.

At the SAS
BISTRETTO: SAS hotel's
Italian restaurant exquisitely
designed to create a cool and
elegant atmosphere. Perfect
setting for your breakfast,
lunch or dinner. Enjoy Friday
brunch with the whole family.

Peacock Room: Authentic
Chinese dishes served in perfect
Oriental setting. Come and
have lunch and dinner with us
and experience the feel of the
Orient.

Al Boom: Looking for auth-
entic Kuwaiti setting? Well,
come aboard and join us. We
offer a wide range of grilled
items and of course our exten-
sive mezzah buffet. Open for
lunch on Thursdays and
Fridays only, and dinner daily.

Clock: The only drive-in res-
taurant in town. If you are
always on the go, please drop
by and we will serve you with
varied fastfood items along
with our very own specialities
on the dot.

Eedam: Our gourmet shop
offers wide varieties of pastries
and other delicacies. We also
have a diet corner for weight
watchers.

For reservations call
5657000.

SPORTS

Tennis Fun Cup
MAY 18-24: The first Tennis
Nation's Fun Cup will be held
on the occasion of the 40th
anniversary of the Federal
Republic of Germany. Twenty-
four teams are expected to par-
ticipate in the tournament,
due to be held at the Regency
Palace Hotel. Each team
should consist of three players,
including one female, of the
same nationality. For registra-
tion, teams must submit names
and passport copies of team
members to be Fitness Centre,
Regency Palace Hotel. Fees:
KD18 per team. Public draw on
May 16, May 25, 3-8 pm, finals
to be followed by tennis party,
open to the public. For queries
call the German Week Office:
Tel: 5728000 ext 7204.

Swimming Classes
MAY 24: Swimming clas-
ses, total 8 lessons—every
Saturday, Monday and Wed-
nesday at the Kuwait Inter-
national Hotel. Details at ext.
8050, May 9-June 12: Tennis
clinic with a choice of 3 dif-
ferent schedules. Details at ext.
8050 with Antony Kingma.

CINEMA TODAY

Andalus
Iron-Angle
Hamra
Just A Damned Soldier
Drive-in
Arabic film
Fahadheel Open air
Hero Hiralal
Fahadheel
Arabic Film
Sulabikhat
Kudumba Puranam
Firdons
Clerk
Jahra
Arabic film
Granada
Heated Vengeance
FRIDAY
Jahra
Bound for Glory

Granada
Josh
Sulabikhat
Snake in the Eagles
Jleeb
Mohabbat

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.30 am
Zuhr 11.44
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.31
Isha 7.56

FRIDAY
Fajr 3.29 am
Friday prayers 11.44
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.31
Isha 7.57

RADIO PROGRAMMES

**ABC World
Services**

0600 News
30 4th Two Cheers, 11th and
18th After Henry; 25th Flying
the Flag
0100 News Summary followed by
0100 News
25 Financial News
30 Waveguide
40 Book Choice
45 Society Today
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 Assignment
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Britain of Britain (ex 4th My
Music)
0400 News
30 Society Today
45 Andy Kershaw's World of
Music
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 Financial News
40 Words of Faith
45 The World Today
0600 News
30 They Made Our World
40 The Farming World
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 Mediawatch (ex 4th Write
On...)
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 The Girl in His Past
30 John Peel
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by
Sports Roundup
45 Society Today
1000 News Summary followed by
Assignment
30 4th Two Cheers; 11th and
18th After Henry; 25th Flying
the Flag
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 New Ideas
25 Book Choice
30 Appointment With Venus
1200 News
15 Multitrack 2

45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 Network UK
45 5th and 18th Jazz Scene UK;
11th and 25th Folk in Britain

FRIDAY
0600 News
30 5th and 12th Adrian Boult;
19th and 26th Talking About
Music
0100 News Summary followed by
0100 News
25 Financial News
30 5th and 19th Jazz Scene UK;
12th and 26th Folk in Britain
45 Talking from ...
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Seven Seas
30 Appointment With Venus
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Focus on Faith
0400 News
30 Short Story
45 5th and 19th Jazz Scene UK;
12th and 26th Folk in Britain
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 Financial News
40 Words of Faith
45 The World Today
0600 News
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 Ten Years of Mrs Thatcher
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 Music Review
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by
Sports Roundup
45 Seven Seas
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Music
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30 Meridian

Whales: the strangest of the mammals

Mammals?

SINCE a whale lives in the water and has a fish-shaped body, why isn't it considered a fish?

The fact is that the whale is a water mammal, and is descended from ancestors that lived on land. During the thousands and thousands of years they have been living in the water, whales have grown to resemble fish in their shape and other outside features, but they are built and they live like land animals.

A whale's flippers, for instance, have the bones of a five-fingered hand. Some whales even have the bones of hind legs in their flesh! The most important difference between whales and fish, of course, is that the baby whale is fed on its mother's milk like other little mammals. It is not hatched from an egg but is born alive. And for some time after it is born it stays close to its mother, who takes very good care of it.

Since all mammals have warm blood, and the whale has no fur coat to keep itself warm in the icy water, it has blubber instead. This is a layer of tissue under the skin filled with oil which retains heat and is as good as a fur coat!

Whales breathe differently from fish. Instead, of gills, they have lungs and they take in air through two nostrils or "blow holes" on the top of their heads. When they go underwater, these nostrils are closed by little valves, so no water can get in. Every five to ten minutes, a whale rises to the top of the water to breathe. First it blows out the used air from its lungs with a loud noise. This makes the "spout" which we often see in the pictures of whales. Then it takes in fresh air and dives down into the sea to swim about.

The largest animal in the world

The biggest whale also happens to be the largest animal in the world. It is the blue, or sulphur-bottom, whale, which may be more than 30 metres long and weigh 125 tonnes.

It may be found in all waters but is most common in the Pacific Ocean. It belongs to the group of whales known as "the whalebone whales" (the other is known as "the toothed whales"). So whalebone whales have no teeth.

It is rather strange to think that the largest animal in the world is able to get along without teeth! How do these whales manage? They have developed a structure in their mouths made up of hundreds of bony plates, known as a "baleen". It grows down from the palate (roof of the mouth) and forms a sort of sieve.

The whale feeds by swimming swiftly through a school of its prey — mostly small molluscs, crustaceans, and fish, with its mouth wide open. When it closes its mouth, the water is forced out between the

plates, but the food is caught. The mouth of the whale is like a huge bucket. The head is about one-third the length of its body!

Of the toothed whales, the largest is the sperm whale. They may be 20 metres long and they have huge heads. The grampus, or killer whale (which is really a large dolphin), is the only one that eats other warm-blooded animal. It is about 9 metres long and easily catches seals. Packs of killer whales even attack large whales.

Because whales live in the water and have fish-shaped bodies, we tend to compare them with fish. But the skeleton, circulatory system, brain, and other organs are quite unlike those of fish.

Whaling danger

One of the rarest and largest mammals in the world is the right whale, so named because from the 1100s to the 1800s it was considered the right whale to hunt for its whalebone. In the late 1800s, whaling declined, but increased again in the early 1900s when scientists discovered how to remove the unpleasant smell from whale oil.

At this time, whaling is quite an important industry. To most of us, the idea of hunting for whales must seem a little strange. What can we get from this huge creature that can be useful to us?

Well, the number of valuable products that come from whales is amazing. The blubber of the whale (an oil-filled layer of tissue under the skin) provides excellent oil. The oil is used for lighting in certain parts of the world and is often used in making soap.

Many whales furnish good meat to eat. Fertilizers is made from their ground flesh and bones. From the sperm whale comes spermaceti, an oil found in the cavity of the head. It is used in making ointments, candles, and cosmetics.

Also from the sperm whale comes ambergris, a very valuable substance produced by the intestine, which is used in making perfume. The teeth of the sperm whale and the tusk of the narwhal whale are both of valuable ivory. And the skin of the white whale is made into a kind of leather.

Did you know that all whales are mammals that have learned to live in the water? They are descended from mammals that once lived on land. In fact, they still have the bones of a five-fingered hand covered by the skin and flesh of their flippers. Some whales even have the bones of hind legs down in their flesh. But during the many thousands of years they have been living in the water, they have adapted themselves very well to this life.

Fortunately, these animals are protected, but protection is difficult to enforce in the ocean. Right whales, blue whales, bowhead whales, and humpback whales are all now threatened with extinction.



Three lemurs (lemur catta) sit on the grass at Tsimbazaza botanical gardens in Antananarivo. Lemurs, primitive primates that look like a cross between the monkey and the squirrel, are found mainly in Madagascar and other islands of the Indian ocean.

Isn't they cute? Do you have any other knowledge on these strange animals?

Amazing facts

ON the Island of Rhodes there is a place called 'The Valley of the Butterflies' where thousands of butterflies are attracted and are so thick that they darken the landscape.

Four English boy scouts shined 707 pairs of shoes in 18 hours.

The first motorcycle was invented by Gottlieb Daimler in Germany in 1885.

The Red Jacket, a clipper sailing from New York to Liverpool crossed the Atlantic in 13 days in 1854, and set a speed record that was never broken.

Amy Semple MacPherson, an American spiritualist and evangelist, was buried with a live telephone in her coffin.

In 1940 338,226 British and French troops were evacuated from Dunkirk.

The monkey's dinner bell is a South American nut that explodes when it is ripe.

It is not unusual to see a woman smoking a cigar in Denmark.

The entire contents of the first gramophone record was: 'Mary had a little lamb'.

'Typhoid Mary' was the name given to Mary Mallon of New York City who was responsible for 1,300 cases of typhoid. She was eventually placed under permanent detention from 1915 until her death in 1938.

Brain-tickers

Lame Excuse

"What about coming round one afternoon for a game of bridge?" asked Mrs. Singleton.

Mrs. Doubleton shook her head "I'm sorry, my dear, but I'm booked up every day for the next three weeks."

"Then what about the week after that?" queried Mrs. Singleton, patiently.

After consulting her diary, Mrs. Doubleton shook her head. "I'm booked up all that week, as well," she said. "On Monday, a sale of work; on Tuesday, Clara's wedding; on Wednesday, my hairdresser; on Thursday, a meeting of the Women's Institute; on Friday, a funeral; on Saturday — well, on Saturdays I always go to see mother; and, of course, I couldn't think of playing bridge on Sunday!"

"You're just making excuses," said Mrs. Singleton, tartly. Can you see any evidence to prove that Mrs. Doubleton was not being entirely truthful?

Age, Please

A cautious woman, when questioned about her age by an official, replied: "Twice my age plus half my age will give you three times what my age was when I was five years younger than I am."

Can you work out the woman's age?

Firsts and lasts

The last time mankind took an animal and domesticated it, as he has done with cats and cows, was over 4,000 years ago.

The powerful Roman Emperor, Nero, competed in the Olympic Games held in AD60. In spite of being one of the worst athletes ever to take part in these games, he managed to award himself first prize in every event.

The first recorded air-raid in history took place on 21st of August, 1849, when bombs with preset fuses were dropped from hot air balloons onto the City of Venice.

The first night of Agatha Christie's play 'The Mousetrap' was staged on 25th of November, 1952. It is still running and holds the record as the longest running show in the world.

Queen Elizabeth I had over 80 wigs to choose from. She went completely bald at an early age.

Dear Junior readers,

During the summer holidays, most of us leave Kuwait to go to our home countries or to visit other magnificent countries of the world. Travelling is fun provided you are sensible and always wary of our surroundings.

Kuwait airport, like most international airports is large and a very scary place to get lost in.

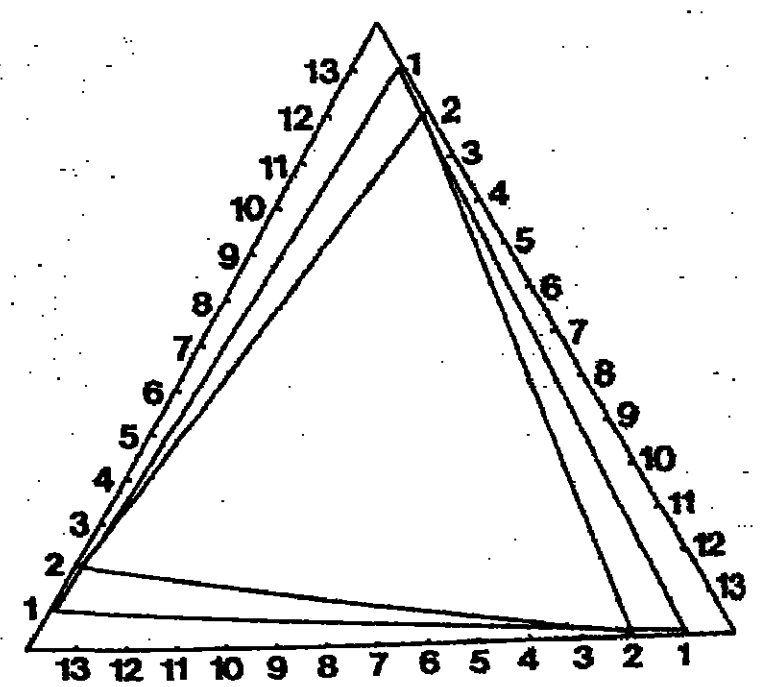
Crowds will stop you from finding your family if you wander off somewhere so try to keep by your parents at all times and take an elder with you if you want to see something.

If you are unfortunate enough to get lost, make your way to any policeman and ask him to call for your family on the speakers. Do not think of doing this as a joke though angry policemen are not very nice to deal with!

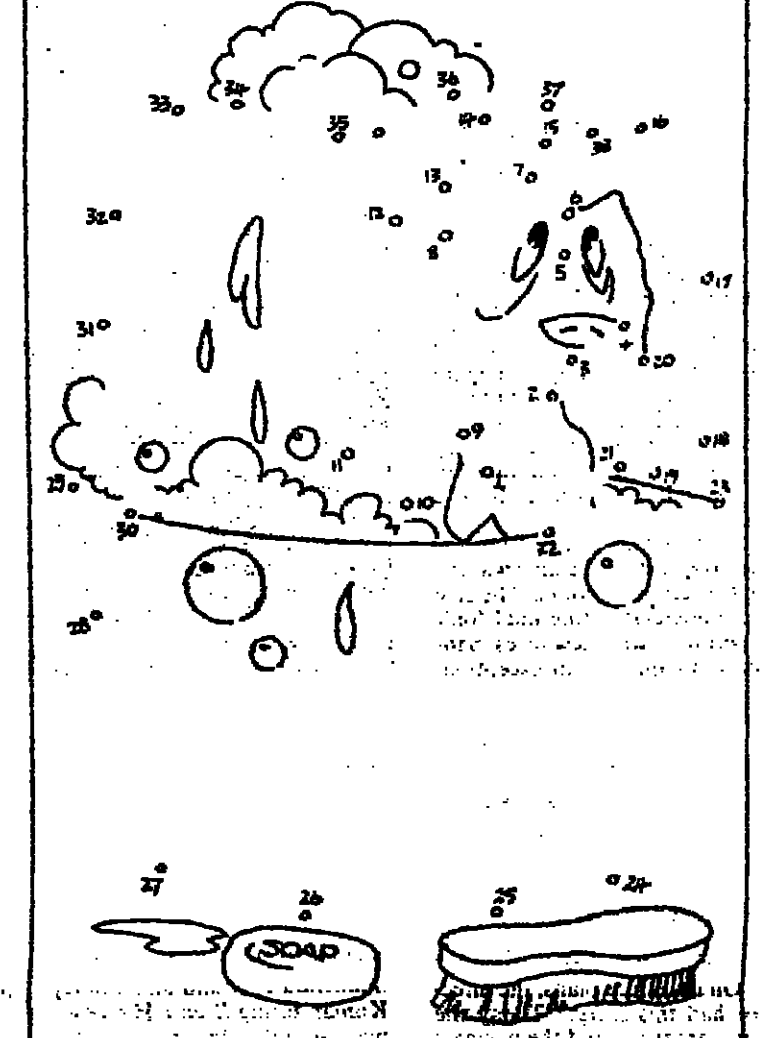
Are you travelling to a country you've never been to before? Do you know the native language? If any of these answers are no, make sure you have the name of the hotel or the address of the house your staying at in your pocket whenever you go out. Then if you get lost someone can take you back home without too much trouble.

Mona!

More curves from straight lines. Join the 1s, the 2s, and so on.



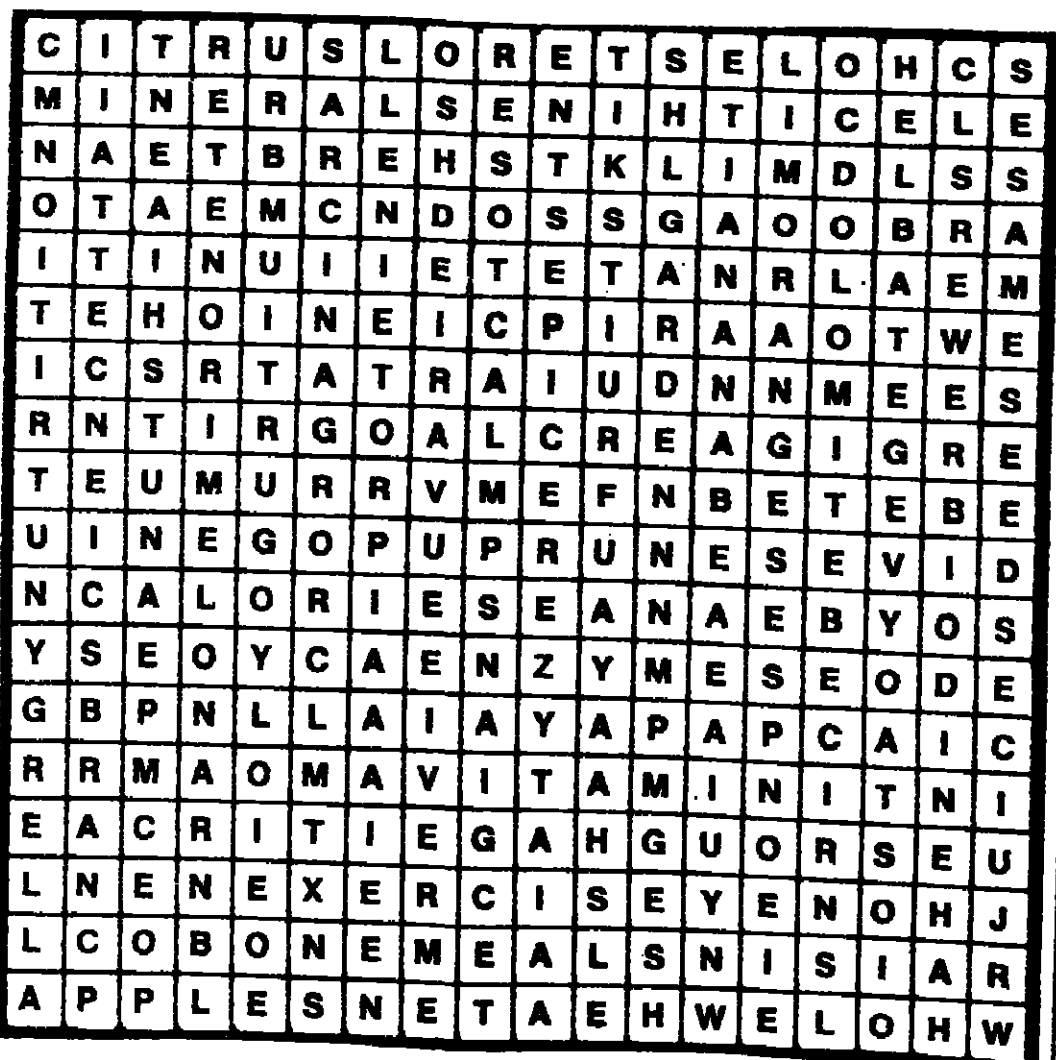
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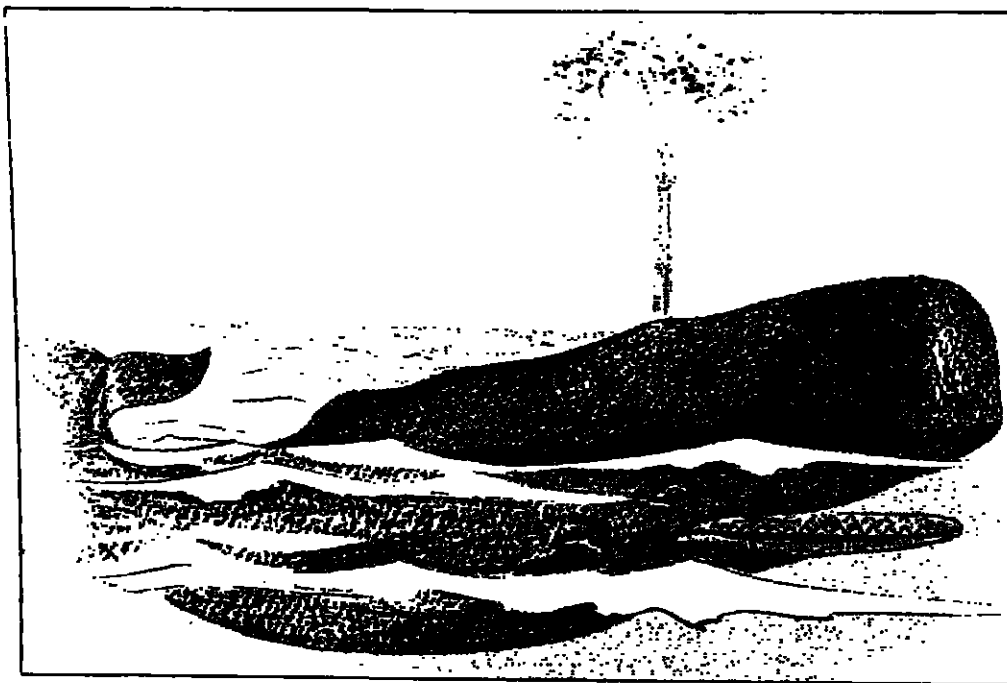
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GO ON DIET

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ALLERGY	ENZYMES	LECITHIN	RECIPES
AMINO	EXERCISE	MEAT	RICE
APPLES	FRUITS	MELON	ROUGHAGE
BANANA	GARDEN	MILK	SCIENCE
BETAINE	HERB TEA	MINERALS	SESAME SEEDS
BONE MEAL	HONEY	NUTRITION	SOYBEAN
BRAN	IODINE	OATS	UNIT
BREWER'S (Yeast)	IRON	ORGANIC	VARIED
CALCIUM	JUICE	PAPAYA	VEGETABLE
CALORIES		PEANUTS	VITAMIN
CHOLESTEROL		PRUNES	WHOLE WHEAT
CITRUS			YOGURT



Clue: Vitamin B (8 letters)



Just for laughs!

Did you hear about the man who went to a Fancy Dress Ball dressed as a biscuit? A dog ate him up in the hall ...

"The acoustics in this hall are marvellous, aren't they?"
"Pardon?"

"I've had to give up tap dancing."
"Why?"
"I kept falling in the sink."

"I had a puncture yesterday."
"Oh, bad luck. Did you drive over a nail?"
"No, a milk bottle."
"A milk bottle? Didn't you see it in the road, then?"
"No, the silly woman had it hidden under her coat."

Younger filmmakers focus on new angles

A refreshing change in direction

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

IN recent times directors have come from many sources to the film industry and they are involved in making different genres of films, facing and overcoming the odds and obstacles which are inevitable in the glamour world. But when they talk of their films and the atmosphere in which they are made, one can see the intensity and passion of their work.

One such director is young Rajiv Rai who has just completed *Trider*, after the debacle of *Yudh* his first film. He was able to take a flop in his stride because his father is big gun Gulshan Rai, who has distributed and produced many films. Moreover *Trider* contains many stars, so the selling part was easier and the film is now being released. Rajiv has many things to reveal about what went on behind the scenes. He said it all in the (following) conversation:

"I faced an enormous challenge of working with so many versatile artists as well as glamorous stars. More challenging were those with whom I had not worked before, not even as an assistant director. For example Jackie Shroff was a piece of cake, as he is an old friend and he is also very sweet. The others were new to me. Especially, Naseeruddin Shah with all his awards held some awe for the unit. But I soon struck up a good rapport with Sunny, Anupam Kher, and my heroines Madhuri, Sonam and Sangeeta. All of them helped a lot when he had a very difficult set back over a waterfall at Ghat station. It took a month."

"Yet I did not go after stars for the sake of stars. Casting was the first criterion. Of course, I believe in commercial casting and I don't experiment with new faces. Sangeeta Bhatnagar was an exception. When we took her she had no films that had been released. But as a rule I can't take absolutely brand new faces unless I am completely convinced. A star cast helps the box-office. Yet, ultimately it's the film that runs and not the actors. My experience with the stars was not adverse any time. If a star is interested in the film being made, he or she will do well."

"On his future plans, the first step had this story. The costs are rising and the business falling. So there is no chance of survival for many film makers. My future plan is to go into the international market. It will be an English film shot in India. There you can do what you want. You have a 90 minute film and an audience of 300 countries."

Another director I spoke to was Jagdish Sidana who is now making *Sher Dil*. Unlike Rai he is not a producer's son. He was born in the Pakistan side of Punjab, migrated to India, was the



Directors with a difference: Rajiv Rai and Deepak Sarin (inset)



Mithun with Sonam and Neelam in Sushma Shiromanee's *Pyaar Ka Karz*

sole earning member of his family and was trained at the Film Institute. He then went through the grill working with the likes of Rajinder Singh Bedi, Sudhendu Roy and also Manoj Kumar during *Krant*. His views may sound safe and conventional but they are clear-cut: "What you say in a film is not important but how you say it. India has so many myths, legends, stories repeated over centuries. Everybody knows the story, yet they go to see how it is enacted. Sanskrit drama has laid down nine 'rasas' or human moods. All dramatists have used the same over the ages."

"We are doing the same in a screenplay. We are putting new wine in old bottles. The director

must know how best to do it. He has a most intense job. Frame by frame he paints it with different designs and patterns. I was not a roaring success with my previous films *Rancho Manzil*, *Bara Chale Aao* or *Begunah*. Now with my multi-star *Sher Dil* I am more confident. It is actually a two-character film with Dharmendra and Rishi Kapoor doing parallel roles. But it also has Anita Raj, Kimi, Kadar Khan, Gulshan Grover etc."

"Dharmendra's role is a once-in-a-lifetime type. He is a rogue, a con-man, a rake. He is also breezy, merry and happy-go-lucky. And he talks a lot, using his earthy knowledge for his own benefit. My film is a cocktail of everything. I sincerely believe in

hard work. Both my wife Padma Khanna and I have been shooting non-stop on different films. Often I don't know where she is acting and for which movie. Sometimes we can't meet at home for days, as the shifts clash. And we have not even had a proper honeymoon for the last seven years. We are still trying to snatch one," the director revealed.

Deepak Sarin who was assistant to Yash Chopra is now making a spectacular, *Ranbhoomi*, after directing the TV serial *Khazana* based on short stories. A chat with him ran like this: "Right from school and college days I used to bunk and see films. Then and there, I decided to become a director some day. When I joined Yash Chopra, I did not know anything. Normally on the sets, nobody teaches any work to anyone. But Yash went out of his way. I passed 15 years with him."

"In my film *Ranbhoomi* I try to show that life is a battle-field. It is the story of two goondas and gangs, along with a wandering minstrel spreading the gospel of non-violence. This poor chap gets caught in the clash of these mafia groups and gives up his life to bring peace and harmony. In a way, it's a very topical subject. Casting has helped the film a lot. Wrong artists can ruin a subject. Rishi is very apt for the peaceful role, he would look ridiculous on horseback with a gun. Jeetendra and Shatrugh play the other two. Dimple is doing a dancing girl's role. As a director I have no ego hassles. Anybody can come up with a good suggestion. I believe in commercial films. But till every shot is perfect, I don't okay it."

A woman producer-director giving her views is also worth listening to. Sushma Shiromanee, a Marathi actress cum producer making her first Hindi film *Pyaar Ka Karz* with big stars says: "When I started making films in 1973, people were sceptical about a woman producing and even directing (last three films). And I wrote all the stories and scripts. Out of six, five were golden jubilee hits. My films are for the masses. I do hint at social problems. And I show important female characters in a socially meaningful way. You can't fool the cinegoers, but you can certainly touch their hearts for success."

"My new film *Pyaar Ka Karz* is directed by K. Bapaiah with Mithun, Meenakshi, Neelam, Sonam and guest star Dharmendra. It was started a year back and the cost is mounting to 1-1/2 crore rupees. But it will click. I also wish to make our studios and technical sections as good as those in the developed countries. We are trying it in Film City where the government has appointed me as a director on the board."

Behind the screen

own ungainly appearance but also because her daughter Riya, slim and pretty is entering films with *Vis Kanya*.

Hopes of a new heroine for the Hindi cinema in the shape of Vijay Shanti of Beshwar have died, with the film succeeding but the lady not making any impact. To make it worse, the secret is out that her entire dialogue was dubbed by a Marathi artistic Savita Savarkar. Producers don't want another southern liability on hand. So, Savita is in demand for more dubbingwork and poor Vijay Shanti has returned down south.

When Pakistani star Barbara Sharif briefly visited Bombay,

she carried back an atrocious impression about at least one Hindi actor. That was Suresh Oberoi who tried miserably to flirt with her, while writer-poet Anand Bakshi protected her.

The green-eyed actress Archana Joglekar, a former air hostess, has got herself neck-deep in a scandal with director Dilip Shankar. While he has cast her in two of his films (still to start) she is driving other producers up the wall by delaying or bunking the shooting. A producer fumed that the two were away from Bombay for many days while his set stood unused. If she has marriage on mind, why should she sign films at all?



Padmini: worried about her image

Dev Anand is fast gaining a reputation as the great gambler. He staked his land and bungalow over *Sache Ka Bol Bala* and now he wants to shift to a modest penthouse. For *Awara Number* he is banking on the Garwaris with eyes closed. Perhaps their blessings and straight business deals may help.

Retired Padmini Kolhapure is in the news again with the producer of *Aag Ka Darjya* trying a stunt. It seems a rape scene has been tampered with. Padmini's shots are juxtaposed with those of an extra girl who goes to sensational limits. Kolhapure is hopping mad but what can she do? She cannot get the film's release stopped because it is not complete. But the separate scene is being circulated around.

Moon Moon Sen should now retire not only because of her

NEWS ITEM — Government officials predict that the American taxpayer will have to pay for the vast oil clean-up in Alaska.

As soon as I opened the door I recognised the man from the federal government. He had come to the house last fall to ask me to bail out the S&Ls.

I told him, "I already gave at the office."

He said, "I'm not asking you to bail out the S&Ls this time, I want you to contribute to the clean-up in Alaska."

"Why me?" "You're a taxpayer and we would like every taxpayer to behave responsibly and help Exxon with this problem."

But I had nothing to do with the tanker going aground. "I protested. 'Each one of us is guilty. It's not our role to point the finger at others when it comes to an oil spill. We have to leave that to wiser and more experienced people.'"

The Art Buchwald Column

Bailout everybody

"Such as the captain who was snoozing in his bunk while the third mate steered the ship."

"Some day we'll get to the bottom of all this. For the moment, the only way to make restitution is for John Q. Public to dig deep into his pockets and say, 'There but for the grace of God go I.'"

"I have never been to Alaska in my life. I'm tired of bailing out everything from nuclear power plants to railroads. Someone has to say 'enough is enough.'"

"You don't have the right attitude. The position you should take is, 'OK we blew it. What can I do to save Exxon management and the stockholders whose savings are at stake?'"

"I am not going to say that. Every time you come to the house looking for bailout money you make an appeal to my patriotism."

"There is nothing wrong with a little flag-waving for an American company which makes a teensy, weensy mistake. Just hand over \$10,000 as your share for cleaning up Alaska. I promise not to bother you again until I figure out how much you owe me to prevent Third World countries from going bankrupt."

"I don't care about Third World countries going bankrupt."

"It's not them we are worried about. It's the American banks which loaned them the money. If

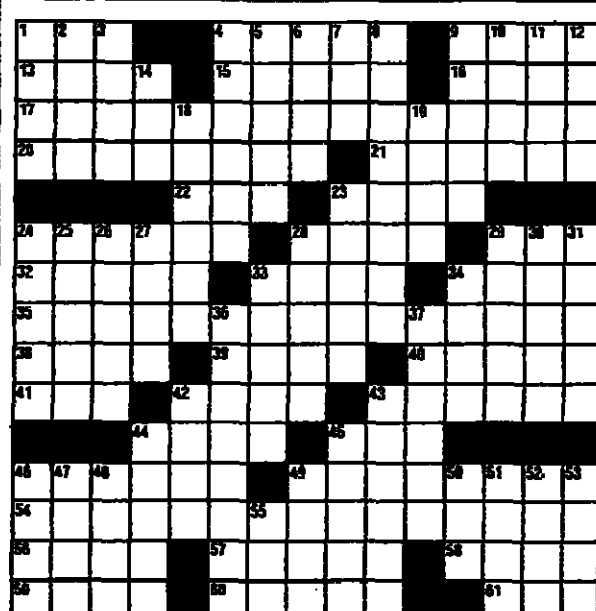
you don't come through on this they could all be broke. Are you willing to take responsibility for the Irving Trust Company running aground?"

"Of course not," I replied. "But if I keep rescuing all these companies, I'm not going to have anything left for myself."

"Surely you jest. You have at least four more bailouts in you. Look, nobody likes oil spills, but they are inevitable when the situation on board a tanker is not as sobering as it should be. Your money will be used to clean up the environment in Alaska once and for all. It will also enable us to study tanker captains, who are under the weather, and how they behave when they are at sea. Once we have the answer to this question, the only one left for you to bail out is the defense company which makes the B-1 bomber."

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Beaver's "handwork"
 - 4 Light sources
 - 9 Brewing grain
 - 13 Don't bet —
 - 15 Be in store for
 - 16 Woodwind
 - 17 Being mischievous
 - 20 Direct encounter
 - 21 Ravines
 - 22 Harbor vessel
 - 23 Fragrant wood
 - 24 Nonconformist, perhaps
 - 28 Please
 - 29 Nectar collector
 - 32 Sadist
 - 33 Gesture
 - 34 Forearm bone
 - 35 Lurking danger
 - 38 Place for a chapeau
 - 39 — as a pin
 - 40 Publish
 - 41 HS students
 - 42 Singe
 - 43 Speaks pompously
 - 44 Caroline island group
 - 45 Resort of a sort
 - 46 In flower
 - 49 Collapsible top
 - 54 Pour
- DOWN**
- 1 Major — (chief steward)
 - 2 Presently
 - 3 Rich source of supply
 - 4 Arrange
 - 5 Inspiring
 - 6 Horse's pride
 - 7 White's Wilbur, for one
 - 8 Deb party feature
 - 9 Mary Tyler
 - 10 "Snug as — in —"
 - 11 One kind of wolf
 - 12 Namesakes of a Kennedy
 - 13 Boxing abbr.
 - 18 Whole
 - 19 Origin
 - 23 Zero
 - 24 Riggings supports
 - 25 Sole or spring starter
 - 26 Home runs for Ruth
 - 27 Impostor
 - 28 Indian lute
 - 29 Loud sound
 - 30 Follow
 - 31 Facilitates
 - 33 Go furiously
 - 34 Major or minor
 - 36 Cruel
 - 37 American financier, 1750-1831
 - 42 Thick-skinned reptile, for short
 - 43 Beginning
 - 44 Bean-bearing tree
 - 45 Lean
 - 46 Small —
 - 47 The Crimson Tide, affectionately
 - 48 Detroit player
 - 49 Bone: Comb. form
 - 50 Put two and two together
 - 51 Sabra dance
 - 52 Food stabilizing agent
 - 53 NCO
 - 55 The piper's son

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

LOVE THOSE SPOTS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 5 2

♦ 9 3 2

♣ 6 4 2

WEST

♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ 6 3

♦ 7 6 5 4

♣ 5 3

EAST

♠ A 9

♥ J 10 9 8 4

♦ J 10

♣ Q J 10 8

SOUTH

♠ J 10

♥ A K Q

♦ A K Q 8

♣ A K 9 7

The bidding:

South West North East

3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

Gentlemen:

I know you are both busy men, but I feel I have to let off steam. I am writing this letter to introduce you to the world's worst cardholder—me!

Naturally, I was sitting North on this hand. Actually, it was one of my better hands—it did contain a nine! My partner opened three no trump, which doesn't sit well with me because he had one suit unstopped.

The opponents led a spade, took the first three tricks and then conceded the rest when the jack-ten of diamonds dropped doubleton and my nine provided the entry to the

high spade. While I was lucky this time that my partner held a really good hand, I remain,

The Unlucky Virginian

Dear UV:

We will admit that the hand you submit, at first glance, has little, if any, merit. If that is indeed typical of what you hold, we would suggest that you switch to bocchi or some other pastime that does not involve pasteboards.

We do not blame partner for opening three no trump with his hand. Not pretty perhaps, but can you think of a better bid? And we do not think that you realize just how good your hand was. For instance, switch your eight of spades with West's seven, or your nine of diamonds with any of West's spot cards, and the limit of the hand is exactly eight tricks. Partner's 26 high-card points will have gone down the drain. In a way, yours was the most important hand in the partnership!

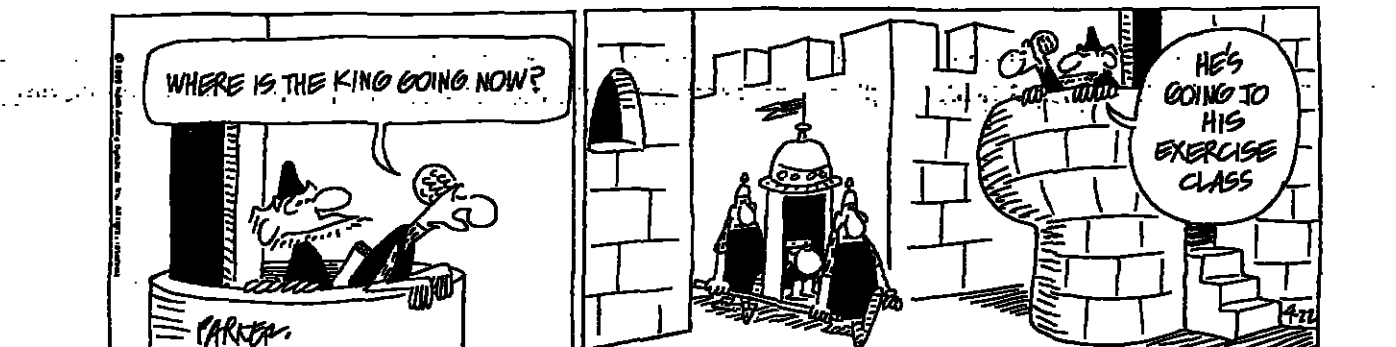
Sincerely,

Goren/Sharif



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will have something to be pleased and proud about. If someone else is right and you are wrong, admit it. You will rather tend to run out of patience, try not to. Be fair.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>Something you have been seeking will prove disappointing when you reach it. You must avoid spending too much time dealing with trivialities. Try to show a little more goodwill towards others. Be sensible.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You should put your interests first, but without being excessively selfish. Try to avoid behaving in a manner that might give rise to resentment. If you have made a promise make every effort to keep it. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>Now is a good time to make a few changes, but there is nothing to be gained from change just for the sake of change. Try to look at matters from other people's point of view too. Take a little better care of your health. Be forgiving.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should insist on your rights but should not ask for more than you are entitled to. Your lucky numbers are 26 and 42. Try to avoid becoming bogged down in detail. Do not try to run before you can walk. Be respectful.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will have some success but not quite as much as you had hoped for. A friend will do you a favour and you should show your appreciation. Avoid trying to do by force what persuasion as failed to achieve. Be generous.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>Avoid extravagance but ask yourself if an expenditure might not prove worthwhile in the long run. Change the subject if what you are saying seems to bore those you are with. Whilst not ignoring them do not spend too much time dealing with details. Be frank.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will tend to get things out of proportion and should think how you can establish a better balance. Do not allow work to play havoc with your personal life. Do not get involved in an argument between friends. Be tactful.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>Make sure your facts are right and not out of date. The solution to a problem lies in a different direction than the one in which you are seeking it. Avoid relying too much on others. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You will find it a little difficult to concentrate, but you must try. You will not be in the best of moods and should avoid getting into an argument. Do not think there is any quick and easy money to be made. Be more respectful.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You will be better able to keep out of trouble. An obstacle in your way will seem easier to overcome. However do not let yourself be deceived by appearances, try to look beneath the surface. Be cordial.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will find a new and quicker way of doing something that has to be done repeatedly. You should be prepared to face up to the consequences of your actions. A change you have made should be re-examined — is it for the better? Be reliable.</p>

Eccentrics or just plain looney?

Close encounters with 130 odd balls

By Kate Saunders

SIR JULIUS FINKELBURGER wears a green wig with white pyjamas, and has a church pulpit in his garden. He lives in Wurzel-land.

If you think that's strange, then how about weird inventor John Ward? He goes in for making boats out of bathtubs, a road trailer from a bread basket and a "moon-buggy" from assorted junk.

Then there is 49-year-old John Slater — the only person ever to have walked the 903 miles from

Land's End to John O'Groats in his bare feet, wearing only striped pyjamas and accompanied by his pet Labrador.

Psychologist Dr David Weeks went out looking for eccentrics and came up with 130 strange but amiable characters who conventional people might quickly write off as nut-cases.

Weeks has turned his encounters into an amusing new book which is being hailed as an important psychological study.

"Britain's great eccentrics come from all walks of life," declares American Dr Weeks, 40, who classed Prince Charles as one, saying: "I reckon he has had at least three eccentric relatives: his father, the Duke of Windsor and a distant great-great-uncle who preferred to live in the Mexican jungle."

Writing his book, Weeks encountered such unusual characters as "Sir Julius Finkelburger," who also calls himself Jake Jonathan Zed Mangel-Wurzel, but started life as plain Jack Ramsbottom, an everyday name in his native Yorkshire.

"Jake", aged 49, has adopted about 20 names by deed poll and describes himself as a "professional lunatic".

The address of his tumble-down cottage is The Temple, Peace Pond, Huddersfield, Wurzel-Land in Yorkshire Pudding, and it is crisscrossed full of oddities. In the garden, Jake has installed a moat, a drawbridge, a waterwheel and a pond he calls the Pool of Immortality. Nor forgetting the concrete tomb he has prepared for his own death.

Jake (or Jack) — who once drove a car backwards the 16 miles from Leeds to Huddersfield — is prolifically inventive. One of his pet creations is the Wurzel-pede, a motorbike with a windmill on the back to keep other drivers at a safe distance, and a flashing light "to divert low-flying aircraft." The Wurzelpede also carries a lightning conductor and depth charges "in case of submarines in wet weather."

Although he says he is as celibate as a monk, three-times married Jake says his ambition is



Inventor Sir Clive Sinclair.

to have as many wives as possible. On the morning I spoke to him, he had already proposed to six complete strangers while shopping.

"I am a very serious-minded person, disgusted with humanity," he said. "This planet is a lunatic asylum. We are misguided, greedy, and cruel."

When Jake withheld his water rate in a protest against fluoridation of drinking water, he was taken to court, where he turned up as Rasputin, the historic Russian monk. This, he said, was because Rasputin had a metabolism capable of withstanding massive doses of poison.

That was no excuse, Jake argued, for the Yorkshire Water Authority wishing to try and poison Jake Mangel-Wurzel or anyone else with fluoride.

"People think I am an idiot because I go around in pyjamas,

ringing a bell," he said. "What I am really doing is taking the mickey out of the great holy cows of convention: marriage, religion and so on."

"Next year I plan to conduct a marriage ceremony on my roof, between a car and a motorbike." Roaring with laughter he added: "They'll probably produce little three-wheelers!"

Another eccentric Dr Weeks tracked down is John Slater, who lives in a remote part of the Scottish Highlands.

Over the past 10 years John has lived mostly in a cave, on a diet of brown rice.

He told me: "There is a cathedral-like silence in caves which helps me to think and to work things out. I'm addicted to harmony, peace of mind, restfulness... I'm nursing a head full of terrific idealism, always thinking about what I can do next."



Eccentrics Charlie Chaplin (left) and Albert Einstein.



Psychologist Dr David Weeks has made a learned study of eccentrics, including a man whose motorbike is fitted with a windmill and a husband who loves being a caveman. After meeting 130 oddballs, the doctor put them all into a fascinating new book

John's career has been chequered. At various times he has been a Royal Marine bandsman, lorry-driver, luxury-yacht steward, waiter, public speaker, charity-fund raiser and painter and decorator.

Recently, however, his third wife has insisted that he leave his cave and live with her in a modernised stone cottage. So now he makes furniture from driftwood and has appointed his dog, Tiny, to the directorship of his one man travel company.

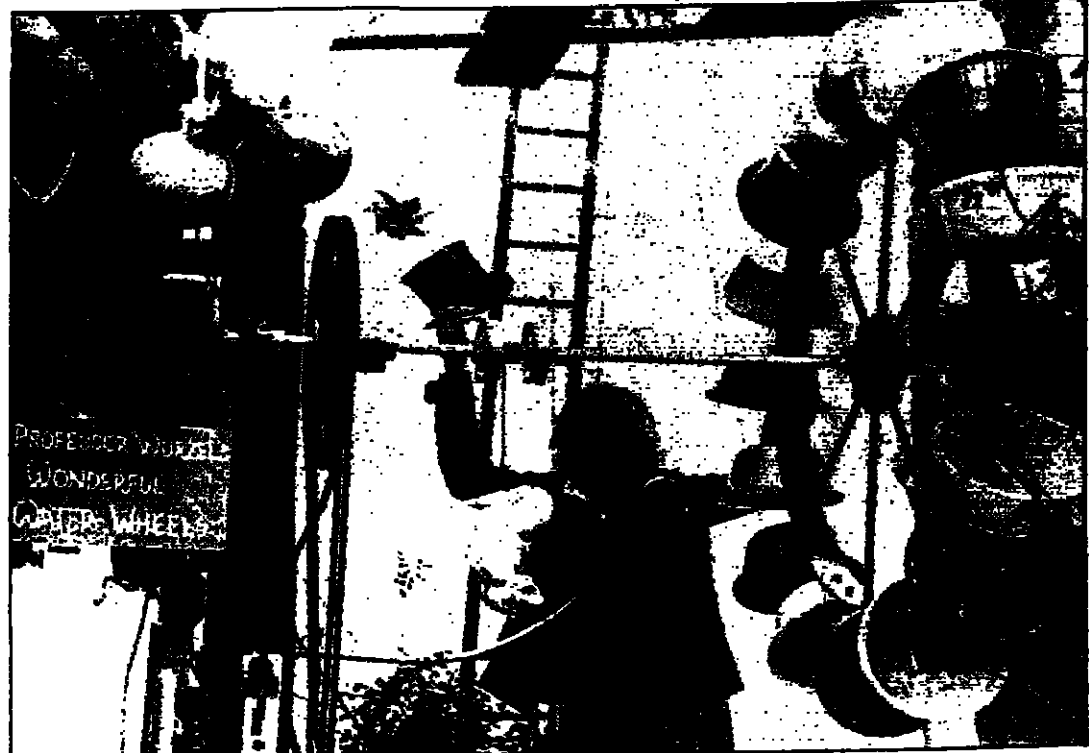
Northamptonshire librarian John Ward is also featured in David Weeks' collection of characters. John, who describes himself as a Junkist, invents "unusual conveyances". One torpedo-shaped machine he produced sports flashing lights and a helicopter rotor. He gave it the name of

"Wogan" after television chat show host Terry Wogan, explaining: "A chap wandered into the garden when it was being made and said, 'Good lord, there is more rubbish on that than on Wogan'."

Another of John's unusual activities is absconding down tower blocks dressed as a pink elephant.

Other eccentrics featured in David Weeks' book include a Yorkshire bus driver who says he hopes to ride a horse into a fog and come out in the 17th century as an officer in Oliver Cromwell's army of Roundheads.

Weeks also met government chemist John Russell, who believes he is descended from the legendary outlaw Robin Hood. John regularly changes from his pin-striped suit into tights and jacket of Lincoln green and



Jake Mangel-Wurzel with his water wheel.

prefers to be called John Pope-de-Lockley.

The doctor tracked down his eccentrics through press advertisements, notices posted in pubs, libraries and supermarkets. Now he is hoping to make a film of his study which has already been hailed as one of the most important psychological books written.

Vivid

He said: "We found that eccentric people tend to have very vivid imaginations and intense curiosity." He also believes that many famous people — such as painter Vincent Van Gogh, scientist Albert Einstein, and comedian Charlie Chaplin — were also eccentric, plus later-day inventor Sir Clive Sinclair.

As well as being original, eccentrics tend to be loners, and have a higher divorce rate than average. They are usually highly intelligent, and have obsessive preoccupations with very particular topics, such as Robin Hood or the history of the potato, the doctor maintains. Although they tend to hate team sports, most eccentrics enjoy

solitary pursuits such as mountain-walking.

Dr Weeks claims that Britain is the world leader in eccentricity. This is because of what he calls the country's tolerance and freedom of speech.

It is also because of the country's rigid class structure, which prevented people developing vertically — leaving them to develop "horizontally" by being eccentric.

"Eccentrics are a refreshing reminder of everyone's intrinsic uniqueness," said Dr Weeks. "Society gains from these people's irreverent sense of fun, their colourful characters and their example."

"I'll never forget appearing on a late night chat show with some eccentrics."

A group of sober academics in dark suits, were already in the studio talking very seriously. Then the eccentrics came wandering in, each one stranger than the last.

They were all dressed outrageously, laughing and joking. There was Screaming Lord Sutch, of the Monster Raving Loony Party. And there was a

woman from Devon wearing a knitted red plaid hat with a ball trailing from the end. There was such a contrast between the groups.

The academics had absolutely no sense of humour by comparison.

"I have met so many interesting people while researching this book. For example, the aristocratic painter who came into my office stroking a red plastic lobster."

The serious-looking psychologist laughed. "Plenty of my colleagues think I'm a little eccentric myself," he confessed. "That's because I always go for research projects that no one has ever touched before — the more unorthodox the better..."

After all, Dr Weeks knows just as well as his eccentrics that a sense of fun, combined with a little outrageousness and invention, can brighten up all our lives.

As one eccentric put it: "Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light."

"Eccentrics — The Scientific Investigation" by Dr David Weeks, published by Stirling University Press.

Christopher Columbus ready for take-off



Malcolm Forbes' hot-air balloon in a replica of Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria gets ready for lift-off in downtown Madrid. Forbes intends to fly all over the cities involved in the discovery of America as his contribution to the fifth centenary of the discovery of America.

Billion-dollar fight Mickey Mouse takes on Europe

By Vanora Bennett

LONDON, (Reuters): A battle is looming in the playgrounds of Europe. Mickey Mouse is squaring up against Asterix the Gaul, Madame Tussaud and the Men from Walibi.

Despite the character list, this is no cartoon. From Paris to London, Brussels to Cologne, it is a real life fight for the billions of dollars spent in Europe on leisure each year.

The battle will be fought out in theme parks, huge recreations sites, some loosely built around a cartoon character, will all the thrills of the fun fair on a vast scale.

Disneyland launched the genre in the United States more than 30 years ago and its rivals, future and present, are looking to cash in on an affluent and mobile market when the Channel rail tunnel linking Britain and continental Europe opens in 1992.

By far the biggest new project is EuroDisneyland, a 45 billion franc (\$7 billion) 2,000-hectare (5,000-acre) venture with Mickey Mouse as its heralding emblem to be built on the outskirts of Paris and opening in 1992.

Its organisers hope to attract 11 million visitors in its first year. "I believe this park will be sold out from day one," Walt Disney Co. chairman Michael Eisner said recently.

"The problem's not going to be attracting new people. The problem is going to be having it big enough," he said.

With decades of experience, Disney is the wise old hand of this script, and the rest are just young guns. "The Europeans will have to stand up to the Americans, or they just won't do very well," said a spokesman for Warburg Securities in London.

Variations on a theme park have been around in Europe for years. Phantasialand in Bruchl, West Germany gets

2.2 million visitors a year, many from Belgium, the Netherlands and France. Investment totals 100 million marks (\$53 million).

Museums and exhibitions still attract crowds and money, in both rain and shine.

Madame Tussaud's London museum of historical waxworks, for instance, pulled in 2.4 million visitors in 1987, the biggest British ticket taker.

But it is small in scale, and it is the bigger, park-scale venue where the barons of leisure are taking on the threat of Mickey Mouse, even in his adopted French back yard.

Albert Uderzo has just opened the 160-hectare (390-acre) Asterix Park north of Paris inspired by a gallic comic strip hero and brought alive by a subsidiary of Barclays Bank PLC of Britain and a 20-company consortium which put up 850 million francs (\$134 million). Two million visitors are expected.

"I went on a visit to Disneyland with my family eight years ago and we thought — we're no more stupid than the rest, why can't we do the same thing (in France)," Uderzo said.

Its fairground origins get a heavy brush of period paint: bumper cars become Roman chariots, a raft-ride is changed to a trip down the underworld river Styx. Entrance costs 120 francs (\$20) for adults, 90 francs (\$15) for children.

"We have got three years to prepare and improve. We hope when Disneyland opens that we'll be able to stand the shock, although we know it's still going to be a very severe one," said Asterix Park's press spokesman Emmanuel Mougon.

Whether theme parks will capture the imagination of European tourists remains to be seen. Mougon of Asterix Park said: "The French have not yet got the habit of going



The original Disneyland in Anaheim, Los Angeles and (inset) Mickey Mouse who sets the theme for the leisure centre.

to theme parks. They need to be trained, to learn about parks where you come and spend the whole day."

But, according to the Warburg spokesman, European theme parks will not necessarily lose out even if Disney makes the transition successfully to Europe.

"Most of them have welcomed the investment that's been made by Disney. It's bringing a US concept over here and Disney has shown itself to be the best manager of it. If it can make theme parks successful and popular over here that will be good for everyone," he said.



FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

ARTERY THEORY DEBATABLE, BUT EXERCISE IS USEFUL

QUESTION: After recovering from a heart attack, my physician suggested that a carefully structured exercise programme could lead to new arteries in my heart that would protect me from future attacks. I'm now jogging, although at times it's a struggle, and I keep wondering if this is really working. What do you think?

ANSWER: Your question leads us into some interesting medical history and a current area of debate. Anatomically speaking, there are two types of arteries: those that end at the tissue they feed, appropriately named "end arteries," and secondary or branching arteries that connect main artery systems, called "collateral arteries."

When an end artery becomes blocked, as during a heart attack, the tissue it serves dies unless blood can flow to the tissue through collateral vessels. An early English physiologist, Richard Lower, described the presence of collateral vessels in the human heart in 1669, and this was accepted doctrine until 1873, when Josef Hyrtl, a professor of anatomy at Vienna, failed to find these arteries using a technique that made a cast of all the vessels and corroded away all other tissue.

These two opposing views were debated for 80 years until 1960 when W.F. Fulton showed

that tiny capillary-like channels did indeed connect different coronary arteries. It is pretty well agreed that reduced blood flow to the tissue of the heart stimulate these capillaries to grow and increase blood flow to the suffering tissue. It would certainly appear to be so in important experiments conducted in animals, and we know that patients who have survived longest with chronic coronary artery disease show increased collateral circulation when post-mortem examinations are performed.

Your physician is correct in saying that patients with chronic coronary artery disease do better when following a prescribed exercise training programme. What is missing is the proof that the increased demand for oxygen needed by the heart during exercise can be the stimulus for new growth in the collateral vessels in humans. Investigations that might prove this are difficult to construct and costly to run. Until such data is available, it's difficult to answer your question absolutely, but in my opinion, from existing research, you are probably doing yourself a world of good.

ACROSS MY DESK: Although it would seem that co-operation should be the hallmark of the professional relationships between

physicians and nurses, this is frequently not borne out by actions. The overly busy physician may pass the hard-working nurse as if invisible in the scurry to accomplish the day's hospital rounds.

In a recent commentary in the medical journal "Postgraduate Medicine," Dr Mike Magee, vice-president of Baystate Medical Centre, Springfield, Mass., notes deficiencies in this important area of health care and wonders if the formality and professionalism hasn't compromised communications between nurses and doctors and distanced the two professions. At a time when all patients may suffer from the shortage in nurses available for bedside care, Magee offers five recommendations to physicians about changes in behaviour that might keep many nurses from leaving their profession.

He suggests that doctors speak while looking directly at the person, stop when speaking, smile while setting the tone of discussion, clean up their own messes and say thank you. In this manner he hopes that physicians may "cement relationships, promote understanding and bridge the gap between the two professions."

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Soviet player seeks political asylum in US

BUFFALO, New York, May 10. (UPI) Soviet amateur hockey star Alexander Mogilny formally applied for political asylum in the United States yesterday after defecting from his native land a week ago and signing a contract to play with a professional hockey team.

Buffalo Sabres general manager Gerry Meehan said Mogilny filed his asylum petition during a 90-minute meeting with US immigration officials. He was granted a 60-day extension of the parole status under which he entered the country last week, pending a final decision by immigration officials.

Mogilny already has requested to wear the Buffalo Sabres jersey number 89 to mark the year he fled the Soviet Union, a team spokesman said.

Benedict Ferro, district director of the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service, will make the decision on Mogilny's asylum petition. Ferro indicated that the decision on the Soviet's application may not take the full 60 days.

"It really follows the same lines as any asylum claim," Ferro said of Mogilny's case. "The burden is with the applicant to establish that he or she would be persecuted on return (to their native country)."

Mogilny, 20, the first hockey player to flee from the Soviet Union, defected in Sweden last week after the World Hockey Championship.

Regarded by some as the world's top amateur hockey player, Mogilny was the Sabres' fifth round pick in the 1988 amateur draft.



Mogilny (left) walks with his interpreter Esther Findling after leaving the US courthouse where he applied for political asylum. (Reuters wire photo)

Consultant collects \$130,800

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, May 10. (UPI) Australian business consultant Mel Judah has won \$130,800 first place money in a seven card high event of the world series of poker.

Judah, 42, beat out 217 other gamblers competing for the \$327,000 prize which was divided among the 16 finishers.

Seven card stud play started on Monday and ended early yesterday at Binion's Horseshoe Club in downtown Las Vegas.

The seven card high competition was the seventh tournament event in the 20th World Series of Poker which climaxes next week with a \$10,000 buy-in, no-limit Texas hold'em.

"I really didn't think it would happen," said Judah. "At one point I was down to \$320."

Jerry Buhr, 40, a commercial palm tree salesman, finished second to take home \$65,400.

Michael "London" Haywood, a writer-novelist who has homes in London, England, and Las Vegas, finished third for \$32,700 in prize money.

Judah is a globetrotting poker player. He finished 11th in the Omaha Limit Tournament during the 1988 World Series of Poker, sixth in the Adelaide, Australia, casinos' Seven Card Stud tournament, and second in the Seven Card Stud tournament on Malta.

Hampshire fall to 2nd defeat

Morris and Cottey set up Glamorgan win

LONDON, May 10. (Reuters) Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris struck an unbeaten 143 to send holders Hampshire tumbling to their second successive defeat in the Benson and Hedges Cup one-day competition yesterday.

Hampshire had made a formidable 286 for three in their 55 overs with Robin Smith scoring 155 not out and he and Paul Terry added a club record 185 for the third wicket.

Glamorgan made a tentative start and lost Alan Butcher at 79 but then Morris and Tony Cottey put on 145 in only 23 overs for the second wicket to set up a win by eight wickets with 17 balls to spare.

Essex won their third match in a row but they were made to work hard for it by Kent.

Needing 193, Essex were struggling at 68 for four after 25 overs before John Stephenson steered them to a four-wicket win with a responsible 63 not out.

Their target would have been easier had it not been for Kent's seventh-wicket pair of Steve Marsh and Richard Ellison.

They cracked 57 from seven overs with Marsh making 41 not out and Ellison 29 to help Kent to 192 for seven.

Somerset also made it three wins in a row in their group as they disposed of Yorkshire by 62 runs at Headingley.

Their new South African batsman Jimmy Cook again helped Somerset off to a good start, making 62 from 88 balls before being run out.

Chris Tavare (65) and Richard Harden (44) helped boost the



Hugh Morris



Robin Smith

total to 243 for five and Yorkshire collapsed to 181 all out despite a defiant unbeaten 51 from former England wicketkeeper David Bairstow.

Mike Gatting hit an unbeaten 123 to lead Middlesex to an expected victory over the Combined Universities, keeping alive his team's outside chance of a quarterfinal place.

Results

Group A:

At Southampton: Glamorgan beat Hampshire by eight wickets. Hampshire 286 for three in 55 overs (R. Smith 155 not out, P. Terry 76, D. Turner 40 not out).

Glamorgan 290 for two in 53.1 overs (H. Morris 143 not out, P. Cottey 68, M. Maynard 43 not out). Glamorgan two points.

At Canterbury: Essex beat Kent by four wickets. Kent 192 for seven in 53.3 overs (N. Taylor 46, S. Marsh 41 not out). Essex 196 for six in 53.3 overs (J. Stephenson 63 not out). Essex

two points.

Group B:

At Oxford: Middlesex beat Combined Universities by eight wickets. Combined Universities 190 for nine in 53 overs (M. Atherton 66). Middlesex 194 for two in 53.4 overs (M. Gatting 123 not out). Middlesex two points.

At Worcester: Gloucestershire beat Worcestershire by 48 runs. Gloucestershire 200 for seven in 53 overs (P. Bainbridge 53). Worcestershire 152 in 51.1 overs (V. Greene four for 15, K. Curran three for 15). Gloucester two points.

Group C:

At Headingley: Somerset beat Yorkshire by 62 runs. Somerset 243 for five in 53 overs (C. Tavare 65, J. Cook 62, R. Harden 44). Yorkshire 181 in 50.3 overs (D. Bairstow 51 not out, A. Jones four for 47). Somerset two points.

At Oxon: Nottinghamshire beat Minor Counties by five

wickets. Minor Counties 172 in 52.2 overs (S. Plumb 43). Nottinghamshire 175 for five in 47.2 overs (D. Randall 52). Notts two points.

Group D:

At Northampton: Northamptonshire beat Lancashire by 38 runs. Northamptonshire 235 for five in 53 overs (G. Cook 66, W. Larkins 49). Lancashire 197 in 51.1 overs (Wasim Akram 52). Northants two points.

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Scotland by 111 runs. Leicestershire 239 for six in 53 overs (G. Parsons 63 not out, J. Whitaker 48, T. Boon 40). Scotland 128 in 49 overs (I. Philip 62, G. Parsons four for 12). Leicester two points.

Standings

Group standings in the Benson and Hedges Cup cricket tables after matches played on Tuesday (tablets under played, won, lost, tied, no result, points):

Group A:

Essex	3	0	0	0	6
Glamorgan	2	1	0	0	2
Sussex	2	1	0	0	2
Kent	3	1	0	0	2
Hampshire	2	0	2	0	0

Group B:

Gloucestershire	2	2	0	0	4
Worcestershire	3	1	2	0	2
Combined U	2	1	1	0	2
Middlesex	3	2	0	0	2
Surrey	2	1	1	0	2

Group C:

Somerset	3	3	0	0	6
Nottinghamshire	2	2	0	0	4
Yorkshire	2	1	1	0	2
Minor Counties	3	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	2	0	2	0	0

Group D:

Northamptonshire	2	2	0	0	4
Leicestershire	3	2	1	0	4
Lancashire	2	0	2	0	0
Worcestershire	2	0	2	0	0
Scotland	2	0	2	0	0

Aussies suffer double blow with defeat and injury

HOVE, England, May 10. (Reuters) Australia's cricketers suffered a double blow yesterday when they fell to the first defeat of their tour and leading batsman Dean Jones sustained a broken cheekbone.

Five Sussex bowlers shared the wickets as Australia were dismissed for a paltry 154 in 44.3 of their permitted 55 overs and the county passed that total with seven others and four wickets to spare.

Only Steve Waugh, with a sparkling 86, showed any confidence on a pitch of uneven bounce and only three of the visitors managed to get into double figures.

Second highest scorer was the injured Jones who courageously returned to the crease after visiting hospital for X-rays and immediately hit Sussex's Australian pace bowler Tony Dodemaide for six.

Jones helped Waugh add 22 for the ninth wicket before he was bowled by leg-spinner And Clarke for 19. Waugh, who hit boundaries in his 121-balls, was last man out.

Paceman Tony Pigott, started the Australian collapse by dismissing both openers then causing Jones' injury short-pitched delivery, came to the rescue when he was faltering on 114 for 50.

Going in at number eight, made 28 not out, Dodemaide, who scored unbeaten 17, took Sussex's Australian total.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA
M. Taylor c Moores b Pigott
M. Veletta c Moores b Pigott
S. Waugh c Parker b Babin
D. Jones lbw b Clark
G. Marsh run out
T. Zoehrer b C. Wells
T. Hohns b Babin
T. May lbw b Dodemaide
G. Campbell c Moores
b Dodemaide
T. Alderman b C. Wells
C. Rackemann not out
Extras (b-2, lb-3, w-4, nb-7)
Total (44.3 overs)
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-22, 5-89, 6-106, 7-114, 8-128, 9-154
Bowling: Pigott 11-0-59-2, G. Babin 11-0-30-3, 25-2, Babin 8-3-30-1, 1-15-1
Result: Sussex won by four wickets.

Rain disrupts Theys' preparations for race

INDIANAPOLIS, May 10. (AP) A steady drizzle soaked the Indianapolis Motor Speedway yesterday and put rookie driver Didier Theys another day behind schedule in preparing for qualification for the Indy 500.

A day after defending champion Rick Mears set an unofficial track record at 225.733 mph (363.2 kph) in practice, the rain kept crews and drivers in their garages to work on their cars or, in some cases, just wait in frustration for better weather.

"We missed a big part of the day yesterday because we had an engine problem," said Theys, who counted himself among the frustrated as they still desperately need more speed. "It was impossible to start the engine. We had to take it out and when we got started, it was very late. We got only about 15 laps."

"Today, we don't have any choice. We're another day behind now. We need a nice sunny day to work on the car (on the track)," he said.

Theys, 32, of Belgium, is driving this season for Arciero Racing, which has produced two of the past three Indy 500 Rookies of the Year.

"It would be good to have the Rookie of the Year title, but I think more about the (starting) grid. I think first to being a professional and making a good position on the grid. I want to show the Indy people I am fast also on the oval (track)."

"They've spent most of his early career on the road courses of Europe, starting in formula Fords in England in 1978 and moving up through the Formula Three and Formula Two series. He made his Indy-car debut in 1987, driving in three races that year, and competed in eight Indy-car races last year, with his best finish third at Miami."

"They can work on the car in the garage, but for me, it's a little bit frustrating," Theys said of yesterday's rain. "We have a lot to do on the car, and I can't test (drive) in the garage."

Atlanta settles on yachting site

ATLANTA, May 10. (AP) The committee in charge of Atlanta's effort to host the 1996 Summer Olympics chose Savannah, Georgia, yesterday as the site of the yachting events.

Atlanta, which would host the Olympics if they are held in the United States in 1996, is one of six cities bidding for the Games. As a landlocked city, it has no facilities for world-class yachting events.

Savannah, located about 250 miles southeast of Atlanta on the Atlantic coast, was chosen yesterday over Brunswick, Georgia, and Hilton Head, South Carolina.

According to Savannah's proposal, an Olympic harbour would be created by improving an existing marina to hold between 600 and 700 boats. An island resort would be transformed into an Olympic village to house an estimated 1,000 competitors and officials.

The International Olympic Committee will decide in September 1990 where the 1996 Summer Olympics will be held.

W. German rider wins 16th leg

SANTONA, Spain, May 10. (AP) West German Peter Hise won the 16th leg of the 44th Tour of Spain cycling race yesterday and Spain's Pedro Delgado took over the overall leadership from Martin Farfan of Colombia.

Hise won the leg, a hard one-studded with two first-class mountain passes, in four hours, 44 minutes and 16 seconds.

The German, who was 19th in the general standings 6:03 minutes behind the leader, rode at an average speed of 40.863 kph.

Physical exertion triggers reaction

Exercise allergy can be life-threatening

BOSTON, May 10. (UPI) People can come up with all kinds of excuses to avoid exercising but one of the seemingly most outlandish is the claim that someone is allergic to exercise. Or is it?

Dr. Albert Sheffer, director of the allergy clinic at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, has identified a type of allergy called "exercise-induced anaphylaxis." In simple terms, it is an allergic reaction certain people seem to experience when they exercise.

"This is a real thing, no question about it," said Sheffer, who is also a clinical professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. "I think it's a lot more common than you might think."

The symptoms include warm flushed skin, itchiness, hives and even choking and loss of consciousness in some cases, Sheffer said. "It can be life-threatening," he said. Sheffer first identified the condition 20 years ago and has since collected some 500 confirmed cases, he said.

One study Sheffer and his colleagues conducted found that victims of the allergy have elevated levels of a substance known as histamine in their blood after they exercise. The presence of histamine indicates an allergic reaction. Another study showed that immune system cells known as mast cells were also activated.

A more recent study involving 199 patients with the allergy found indications that victims of the allergy are probably not allergic to exercise itself, but may be allergic to other things and physical exertion triggers the reaction.

Sheffer found that 54 per cent of those studied reported experiencing the reaction when they exercised after eating, while another 50 per cent had the reaction if they exercised after taking aspirin.

More research is needed but Sheffer speculated that exercising, which increases blood flow, may increase the rate at which whatever the person is allergic to absorbs the substance from their stomach.

"We're not quite sure if it primes the mast cells, increases absorption or just what is going on," said Sheffer. "I think exercise modified the milieu in which the allergic reaction takes place."

The reaction can be life-threatening if the victim loses consciousness or chokes. Two-thirds of victims choke because their windpipe swells, he said. Half lose consciousness, he said. Many doctors apparently do not believe patients who complain about the reaction, he said.

"I don't think a lot of doctors recognize it," he said.

"If someone knows they have the condition they should avoid exercising after eating or taking aspirin, stop exerting themselves as soon as they notice symptoms and make sure they exercise with someone who is aware of their condition so they can help them if it appears," Sheffer said.

Sheffer also noted that some patients have experienced the reaction after going out to dinner and then dancing, which can require as much physical exertion as many forms of exercise.

"That's very common," Sheffer said.



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SPORTS

Mets beat Reds

Cardinals edge Padres

NEW YORK, May 10. (AP) — With the New York Mets struggling at the plate, manager Davey Johnson needed to get something started. So in the fifth inning, he bet on the hit-and-run with Keith Hernandez on second and Gary Carter on first.

Kevin Elster came through with an RBI single through the hole vacated by Chris Sabo at third — breaking a 27-inning scoreless streak — and the Mets beat the Cincinnati Reds 3-1.

New York sent eight batters to the plate in the fifth with Elster, Mookie Wilson and Howard Johnson hitting RBI singles.

"When the count got to 2-1, I was hoping Dave would call for the hit and run," Elster said. "That was the perfect call for the perfect situation."

"We're struggling," Johnson said. "We've got to do something there, to make something happen."

Sid Fernandez, 4-1, struck out a season-high six in 7-3 innings. Randy Myers got the last out of the six-hitter for his sixth save.

Elster bobbled Barry Larkin's grounder in the ninth, ending his record streak of consecutive games at shortstop without an error.

Sanny Jackson, 1-6, hasn't won since opening day. He gave up five hits in six innings, struck out seven and walked two.

Braves 7, Phillies 2
John Smoltz pitched a six-hitter for his second straight second complete game, leading Atlanta to its first six-game winning streak in three years.

Expos 4, Astros 2
Wallace Johnson hit his first home run in two years and Dennis Martinez allowed five hits in 8-1-3 innings. Martinez, 2-1, struck out four and walked four before Tim Burke got the final two outs for his seventh save.

Cardinals 4, Padres 3

Tony Pena's seventh-inning homer off Greg Harris snapped a tie. The homer, on a 0-1 pitch, was his second this season. Harris, who relieved Dennis Rasmussen to start the inning, gave up one hit and one run.

Giants 4, Cubs 2

Mike Krukow and Craig Leffers combined for a fourth-hitter and Will Clark and Robby Thompson each drove in a run as San Francisco won its third straight.

Twins 6, Red Sox 2

Frank Viola allowed seven hits over 8 1-3 innings for his first victory of the season in six decisions. Viola, the 1988 Cy Young Award winner with a 24-7 record, lost the shutout in the eighth on a one-out double by Wade Boggs and a two-out single by Ellis Burks.

Yankees 5, Rangers 3

Dave Lapoint won his fifth straight start and Jesse Barfield hit his first home run since being traded to New York. Lapoint, 5-1, defeated Charlie Hough for the second time in six days.

Mariners 4, Blue Jays 3

Rookie Erik Hanson allowed three hits in seven innings and Mike Schooler got his seventh save in as many chances.

Results

American League

Seattle	4	Toronto	3
California	5	Detroit	1
Minnesota	6	Boston	2
New York	5	Texas	3
Kansas City	4	Cleveland	1
Chicago	10	Milwaukee	1
Oakland at Baltimore	postponed		

National League

San Francisco	4	Chicago	2
New York	3	Cincinnati	1
Atlanta	7	Philadelphia	2
Montreal	4	Houston	1
St. Louis	4	San Diego	1
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh	postponed		

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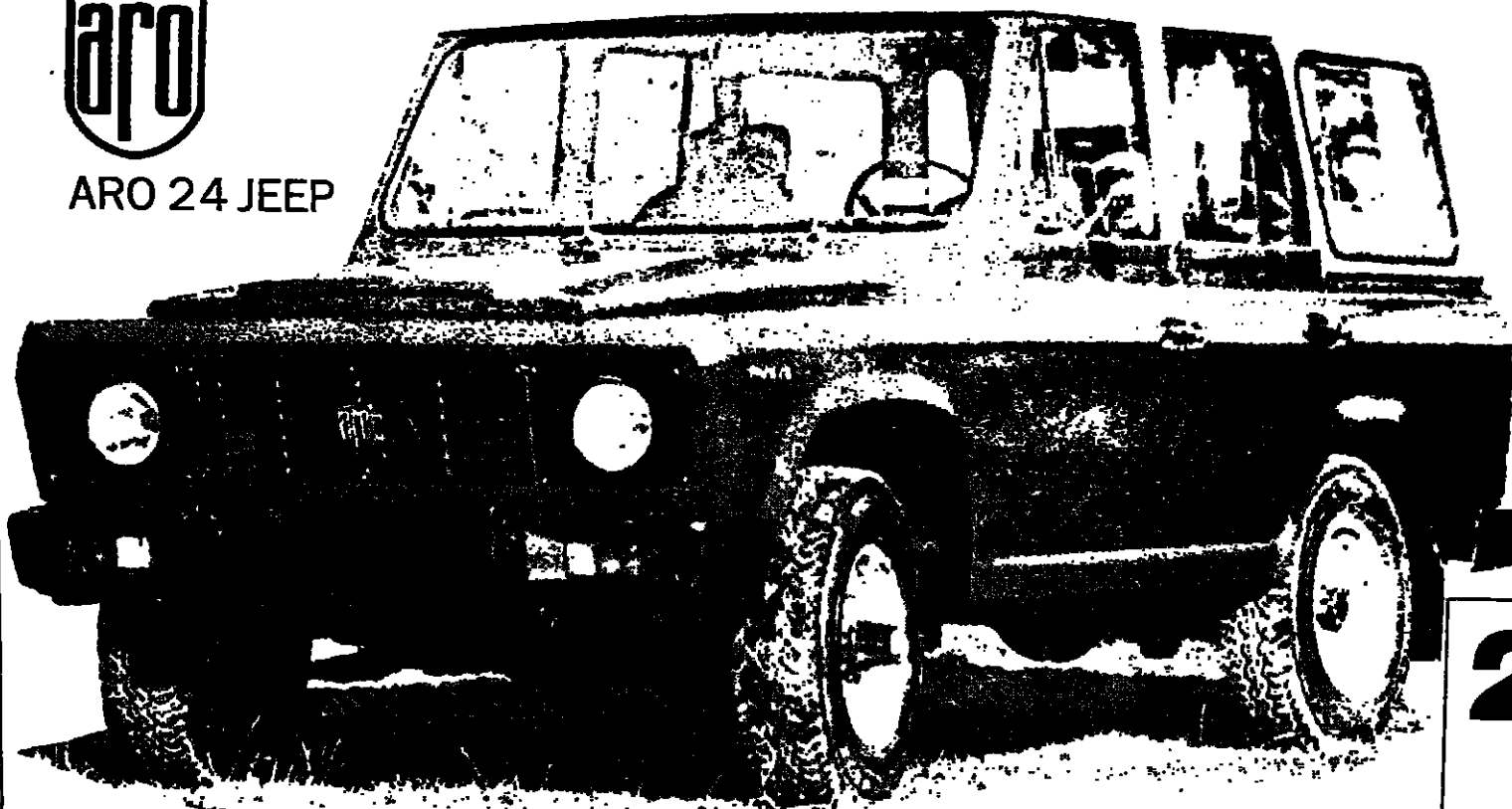
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